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Raisa feared ringleaders of coup were going to poison her

Look of anguish: Raisa Gorbachev feared that her family would be killed *during their captivity*

From Bruce Clark
IN MOSCOW

RAISA Gorbachev says that her health breakdown during the family's captivity in their Crimean villa last month reflected her mounting terror that the leaders of the putsch against President Gorbachev would poison or attack them.

In her first public comments since August 21, when she returned to Moscow in a state of visible distress at her husband's side. Mrs Gorbachev says that her condition had worsened earlier that day "after three sleepless nights, and as events starting unfolding at great speed".

Her fears had been exacerbated by radio reports that Vladimir Kryuchkov, the then KGB chairman. was on his way to the Crimea. The initial bulletins suggested that one of his purposes was to ensure that "members of his party could see for themselves the president's grave condition".

At this point, she told the newspaper *Trud*, she became desperately worried that "in the next few hours, actions would be undertaken to turn this lie into reality". The family had already been avoiding, for fear of poison, any food delivered to the house after the coup began.

Mrs Gorbachev described her ailment as a "crisis of high blood pressure" which affected her power of speech. This problem had not entirely cleared up, although she said that her ability to give an hour-long interview on a "difficult subject" was an encouraging sign. The symptoms she described, and President Gorbachev's assertion that she had suffered an "attack", suggest that Mrs Gorbachev had suffered a slight stroke.

She also confirmed, in response to a question, that one purpose of the videotape her husband made while in captivity was to ensure that the world discovered the truth, even if the Gorbachevs "were no longer there". She said she had been moved by the loyalty of the president's immediate bodyguards at a time when their commander was siding with the conspirators. And she described her alarm when the cargo ships which normally sailed past the seaside villa suddenly disappeared from view, to be replaced by military vessels.

The family had made a point of walking down to the seafront to ensure that as many people as possible saw them alive and well. "We tried to keep ourselves calm, as normal, in order to give moral support to those who were held with us," she said.

Mrs Gorbachev — whose appearance and high public profile have made her as unpopular at home as she is admired abroad — may at last have evoked some real sympathy with her anguished admission that: "Again and again, I relive what happened." But many Soviet readers will balk at sympathising with her complaints that her telephone was tapped, in the Crimea and, she hinted, in Moscow too.

Asked if she, like so many other Soviet citizens, suffered this form of harassment, Mrs Gorbachev replied: "I feel and live through everything that every citizen of our country lives through. I am a little part of this society, and those are not just words ..."

From Associated Press in Moscow

IN A move to placate his critics in the Congress of People's Deputies, President Gorbachev withdrew his proposal for a smaller legislature, instead suggesting that the Supreme Soviet should be reformed.

Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, said: "The Russian state, which has chosen democracy and freedom, will never be an empire or big or little brother."

Mr Yeltsin told Cable News Network that now was Mr Gorbachev's "last chance". Mr Yeltsin said: "If he continues together with the democratic movement and Russia and he recognises the independence of all the other republics, yes, his political life will be extended." Strategic nuclear weapons were being moved from the Ukraine to his republic and Kazakhstan was planning to do the same, he said. "We have set up a committee to control nuclear weapons so that they are not used either by hawks or ultra-right or ultra-left wing forces or terrorists."

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Visit yields Hong Kong concession

Major provokes Chinese anger on human rights

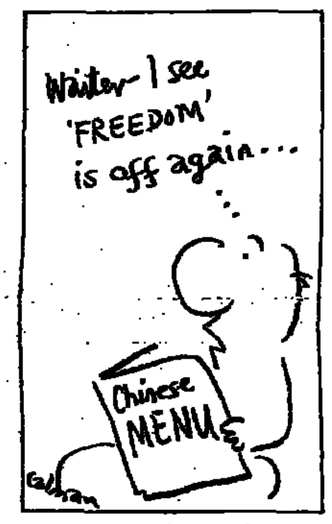
Determined stance: John Major visiting the Forbidden City yesterday. He made clear he would continue to discuss China's human rights record

From Robin Oakley and Catherine Sampson in Peking

JOHN Major last night ignored a public rebuff by Chinese leaders and declared that he would apply unrelenting and unremitting pressure to force them to improve their human rights record.

The prime minister said that the global movement towards democracy was unstoppable and warned the Chinese leadership that the world would not forget the massacre at Tiananmen Square two years ago.

Mr Major challenged the Chinese prime minister about specific prisoners, about oppression in Tibet, about the treatment of religious believers and about the detention of dissidents. Mr Major later described his private meeting with Li Peng in the Great Hall of the People in Peking as "clear, frank and forthright". For his part, the Chinese leader rejected charges of human rights abuse and rebuked Britain and other foreign countries for encroaching on Chinese territory in the last century and disregarding the human rights of its people.



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The point was repeated publicly by the foreign minister, Wu Jianmin, who told a press conference that his country would take no lectures from a Britain that had bullied and humiliated China for more than a hundred years. Undeterred, Mr Major continued to voice his concerns for about half an hour.

"There is a global trend to more open and more accountable government," he said. "That trend is inevitable and growing. Each country has to find its own route to enshrine this movement. It is not for me to determine what the right way ahead is in China, but that there must be a way ahead is beyond doubt."

The world had a deep, genuine and continuing concern about human rights, and sustained pressure had secured improvements in other countries. "It is an unrelenting, unremitting, continuance of presure that has yielded results on human rights. These are matters which we will not drop and neither will anyone else let them drop."

The Chinese countered with a declaration that they would "unswervingly adhere to the path of building socialism", but Mr Wu urged, too, that Britain and China should "let bygones be bygones".

Mr Major's forthright remarks came after the signing of the airport agreement that will safeguard Hong Kong's commercial future. The prime minister, who flies to the colony today, also secured Chinese agreement that judges to Hong Kong's court of final appeal should be appointed by an independent commission, a concession the British believe will ensure judicial independence after 1997.

Defending his decision to visit Peking, Mr Major said: "The world has not forgotten the events of June 1989. But we face the choice: we can make ourselves feel better by armchair denunciations of China while Hong Kong pays the price. Or we can talk to Chinese leaders in the interests of Hong Kong, in the interests of human rights and for the sake of a more peaceful world. I have no doubt which is the right choice."

The prime minister had *earlier given Mr Li a list of 35* prisoners whose cases caused concern and asked the Chinese leader to take a personal interest in them all. Among the names he presented were those of four Hong Kong residents sentenced in China *for helping dissidents to flee* the country. He also mentioned Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming, who are serving 13-year sentences for allegedly masterminding the pro-democracy protests of 1989. Since April, the two men have been kept in solitary confinement.

Mr Wu gave short shrift to concerns about Wang and Chen, saying that publicity abroad had been "based on rumours and concocted facts". The two men, he claimed, had received "very humanitarian treatment".

While he won some key concessions, Mr Major did not secure backing for a United Nations arms register. The Chinese did not say no, but nor did they sign up. He did, however, predict that they would sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty this year.

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Conquering the Channel at 48

John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent of The Times, has become at 48 the oldest Briton to swim the Channel for 12 years. He writes about his 15-hour struggle with the cold

Since Captain Matthew Webb first swam the Channel 116 years ago, the 21-mile stretch of water has become one of the holy grails of sport, a story full of *myths and heroism, disaster* and deaths. It has been attempted more than 6,000 times by more than 4,000 swimmers. The success rate is low, about one in ten. I was only the 407th person to complete the crossing.

When you compare the figures with the successful finishers in just this year's London Marathon — 23,393 from an accepted entry list of 33,485 — it is clear that the odds are against you.

Goodbody: success on the second attempt

I had to have two tries. Two weeks ago, I was pulled out of the water three miles from the French coast, semi-conscious and suffering from hypothermia on a particularly cold August night. As Daley Thompson said after losing his world decathlon record: "I took the disappointment like a man. I cried for a week."

When I calmed down, I realised that a combination of swimming at night temperatures, the wrong type of grease to insulate my body from the cold, and a lack of fat from training 40 to 50 miles over 25 hours a week in cold water had caused the failure.

I determined to have another attempt during daytime, to switch from a mixture of lanolin (wool fat) *and Vaseline to a special* grease used on the teats of cows, and to eat as much as I

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Police call for the Riot Act

By Quentin Cowdry
HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Police Federation called yesterday for the restoration of the Riot Act as ministers requested police to provide them with urgent reports into the street disorders in Cardiff, Oxford and Birmingham.

With police in the cities braced for another night of violence, the 100,000-member Police Federation renewed demands for stronger powers to deal with civil disorder. Alan Eastwood, the federation's chairman, said that all too often rioters escaped prosecution because of the difficulties of identifying individuals. If the 1714 Act were restored, all those involved in a "riotous" gathering could be arrested if they refused to disperse.

John Patten, the Home Office minister, has asked to be supplied with police accounts of the disorders in the three cities. "I hope all local people in the areas involved will back the police in the difficult job that has faced them," he said. Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, *demanded stiff* punishments for those who took part.

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EC turns to Carrington

From Tom Walker in the Hague and Our Foreign Staff

THE European Community yesterday appointed Lord Carrington, the former Nato secretary-general, to chair a peace conference aimed at halting the spiralling violence in Yugoslavia. Heavy fighting flared again in Croatia as the EC foreign ministers met, fraying the latest truce brokered by the community.

Yugoslav air force planes bombed Croatian targets in the northeast of the republic. Among the heaviest clashes were at and around Osijek, 140 miles east of Zagreb, the Croatian capital.

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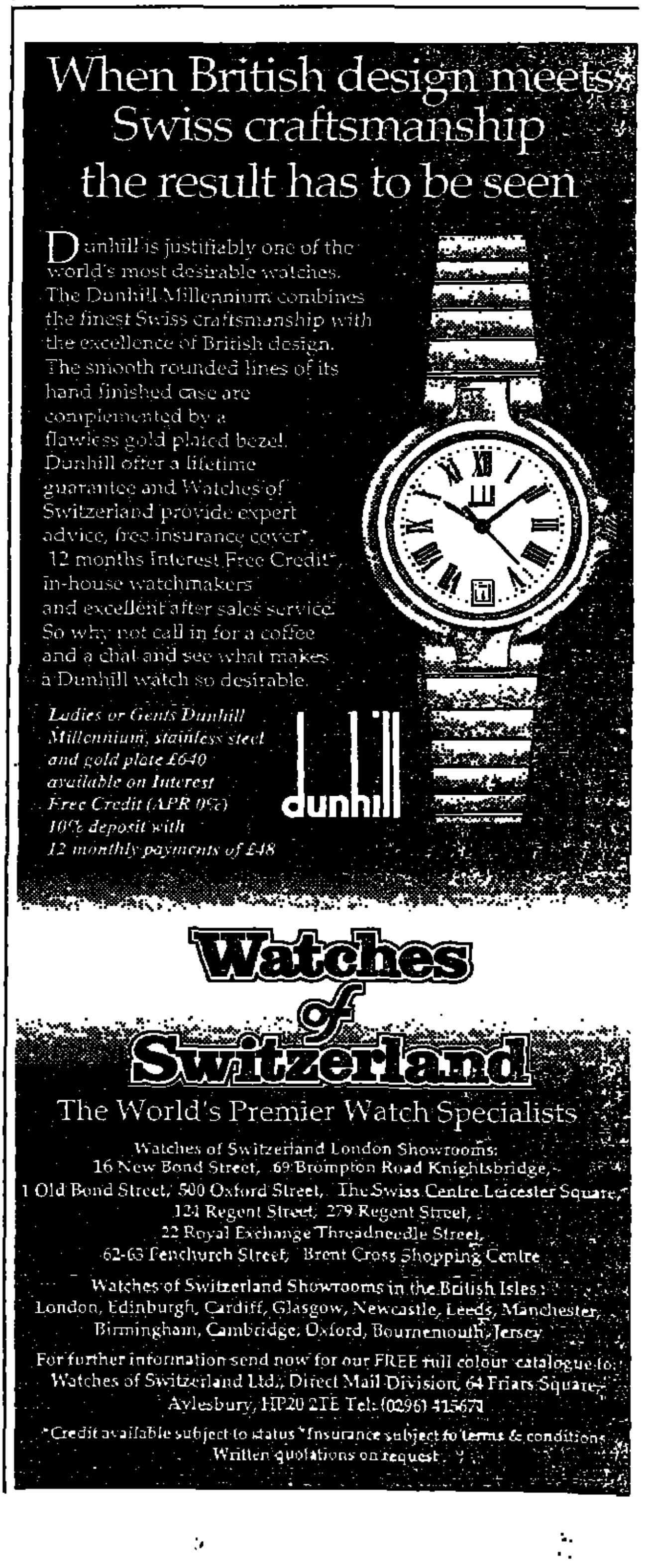

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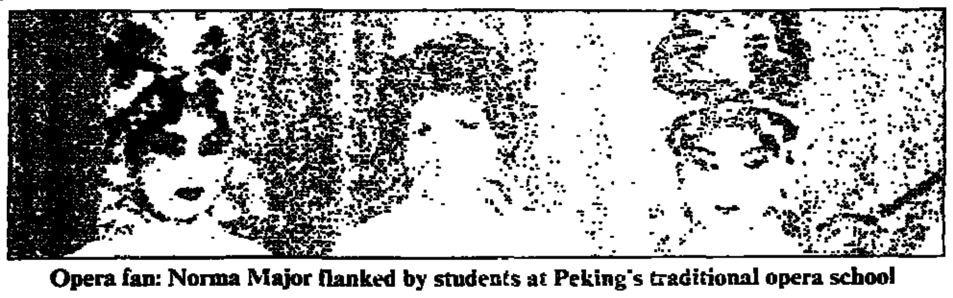
Mrs Major survives tour guides' long march

From Catherine Sampson
IN PEKING

NORMA Major will take home a stuffed panda as a souvenir of her time in Peking. Relations have changed since the days when Edward Heath brought back living giant pandas as a sign of friendship: Mrs Major's panda is just a little toy, bought at a wayside stall.

While her husband was debating knotty issues with Chinese leaders, Mrs Major took up a suggestion by Li Peng, the prime minister, that she go sightseeing and shopping. In the afternoon Mrs Major's love of opera was tested to the limit at Peking's opera school, where she was entertained by lengthy performances of the traditional opera so beloved by the Chinese.



Opera fan: Norma Major flanked by students at Peking's traditional opera school

She appeared enchanted by the small girls who sang for her, if not by what they sang. By this point she had already endured a morning of sightseeing. Tourism is conducted as a military exercise in China. The party flagged in the heat as Mrs Major's guides set a cracking pace around the Ming Tombs.

"This tomb is called Ding Ling," said Mrs Major's guide as the party marched up to that of Emperor Wan Li, who was buried there in 1620 with two of his wives. "What a lovely name," replied Mrs Major. The official news agency Xinhua reported that "amazing, exciting, and fascinating" were the words Mrs Major had used.

She was accompanied not by Mr Li's wife, but by the wife of Ma Yuzhen, the Chinese ambassador to Britain, and by Lady McLaren, the wife of the British ambassador in Peking. Chinese police kept ordinary tourists away from Mrs Major's party. No Chinese person appeared to recognise her.

Except for the most devout readers of the *People's Daily*, few people will have been aware of the visit until Mr Major appeared on television on Monday night shaking hands with a beaming Mr Li. Many Chinese used to express respect for Mrs Thatcher's strongarm approach to politics and for her free market philosphy. Mr Major so far has made no impact on the citizens, having had no opportunity to come into contact with them.

He did host a reception for Chinese students who had once studied in England. It was marred, however, by the fact that each student was obliged to bring with him a Chinese "minder" who listened to his conversations and made sure he did not overstep *the mark*.

Mrs Major was shown around the Lama Temple, the tame showcase of Tibetan Buddhism in Peking. The Dalai Lama came to the Lama Temple in 1954, her guide said. Mrs Major nodded po*litely, but did not ask why the* Dalai Lama had not been back since.

Police demand ban on guns that are too close for comfort

Eastwood: "More criminals are using replicas"

Is it a toy? Is it the real thing? For a policeman faced with a 'gunman', it can be very difficult to tell, report Stewart Tendler and Victoria McKee

WHEN an "unstable and disorientated skinhead" held a passer-by hostage at gunpoint in central London three years ago Scotland Yard took no chances. The police drafted in 200 officers, many armed, to seal off the area and end the crisis. The skinhead was finally wounded by a police marksmen. His weapon was a short-barrelled replica of a real revolver used by the police themselves.

The incident is one of a growing catalogue of cases in recent years, including the death last month of a Midlands man shot by police, which yesterday prompted the Police Federation, representing more than 100,000 junior police ranks, to launch a public campaign for the banning of all replica weapons. According to Alan Eastwood, the federation's chairman: "There must be a total ban on the sale and possession of imitation firearms. Unfortunately more and more criminals are using these replicas in their criminal exploits."

The police fears are easy to understand. Yesterday *The Times* matched a genuine Smith and Wesson 9mm semi-automatic worth about £600 with replicas of a Smith and Wesson automatic made from metal and plastic, and worth about £25, and a toy Leopard gun bought from a London toy shop for £7.

"We're not objecting to toy guns," said Mr Eastwood. "You can easily differentiate between toy guns and the real thing. What we are objecting to is the serious, exact replicas of handguns, rifles and machine guns and the guns used by the armed services in Northern Ireland." Not only is possession legal but police say they cannot prevent possession of the guns in public.

Yet the federation campaign may be a tough fight. Even some police experts say trying to decide whether a gun is a toy or a replica, most of which cannot be converted to fire, will cause endless debate and countless court cases. Carrying public opinion will mean challenging a hobby which attracts both adults and children.

Replica weapons first appeared in Britain about 30 years ago from Japan. These days the manufacturers are often Spanish and the market is substantial. According to David Pickering, managing director of Scale Mead, the biggest supplier of replica models in Britain, Kalashnikov and M16 rifles sell for around £260, Government Automatic pistols for £65, Berettas for £100 and Western single-action "cowboy" guns for £45.

"There may a small percentage of the market that is women, some of whom may buy imitation revolvers in the belief that they will act as a deterrent, but the personal protection aspect is not one we would care to emphasise," said Mr Pickering. "This is a European collector's market, for people who are interested in the workings of firearms but don't want the hassle of having to report to the police every year for a firearms licence. I think legislation is very right as it stands."

The Home Office also sees no need to toughen up the law. A spokeswoman said itwas very difficult to ban replica or imitation firearms. There were already so many on sale and even if controls were imposed realistic imitations could still be constructed. The law already covers using an imitation firearm for an offence.

Government advisers on firearms have not even raised the issue of the replicas recently. Nonetheless the federation is not likely to give up easily. "Ours is a deadly serious request," said Mr Eastwood.

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Benetton told to withdraw advert

By Melinda Wittstock
Media Correspondent

BENETTON, the fashion retailer, has been asked to withdraw a billboard advertisement showing a blood-splattered newborn baby still attached to its umbilical cord.

The Advertising Standards Authority, which made the request, has criticised Benetton for unnecessarily provoking "public distress and outrage" by going ahead with a nationwide poster campaign in spite of a warning from the authority to drop it.

The authority said it had received more than 800 letters letters of complaint and several petitions. "Even people who don't object to the picture find it offensive that such an image is being used to advertise clothing," the authority said. The picture is accompanied by the words "United Colours of Benetton".

The authority has called on publishers and poster contractors to seek its advice before accepting advertisements from Benetton. J Walter Thompson, the advertising agency responsible for purchasing space on behalf of Benetton, consulted the authority about the advert in July and was told it would cause considerable offence.

Benetton went ahead regardless and "displayed a conspicuous disregard for the sensitivities of the public", the watchdog body ruled yesterday. It said: "Benetton was always known for thought-provoking advertisements promoting racial harmony. But this will shatter that illusion. This image doesn't do anyone any good, not Benetton and not the public."

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Hospital ratings

Hospitals should be expected to publish rates of readmission and post operative infection under the patient's charter so patients can compare clinical standards, the Association of Commmunity Health Councils says today. The charter should also ensure that patients get clear information about waiting lists and waiting times, for each specialty and for consultants, the association says.

Tour firm fails

A travel firm that ran the coach trip last year during which 11 people were killed in a crash south of Paris, has gone into liquidation, leaving holidaymakers stranded in Spain. Pineda Holidays of Telford, Shropshire, has debts of more than £100,000. The liquidator is trying to make arrangements to bring home 170 holidaymakers.

Belfast killing

Sectarian violence in Northern Ireland yesterday claimed its 40th civilian victim this year with the murder of a Catholic workman shot dead by Loyalist gunmen at a council cleaning yard in west Belfast. Seamus Sullivan, aged 24, who was said to have no connection with the security forces or political organisations, was shot at the cleaning depot near the Falls Road and died later.

Fare injustice

Four out of five motorists who drive into central London each day receive some form of financial subsidy, according to a report published yesterday by the Transport and Road Research Laboratory. Fewer than two people in five using public transport receive assistance, the report said. Of those commuters who do, three quarters obtain a season ticket loan but only a handful receive full or partial refunds.

42 injured as pit conveyor speeds out of control

By Peter Davenport

FORTY-TWO miners were injured yesterday when an underground conveyor belt accelerated without warning from its normal 5mph to about 40mph and the men aboard leapt for their lives.

Thirteen men were taken by stretcher from Thurcroft colliery near Rotherham, South Yorkshire, and ten were kept in hospital for observation. Kenneth Murphy, aged 33, a face worker who twisted his knee as he jumped off, said: "It's amazing that no one was killed. We were just lucky. I'm shaking like a leaf because what goes through your mind is what might have happened."

British Coal and Mines Inspectorate officials spent yesterday trying to establish the cause of the accident.It happened at 6.40am as 163 men were underground for the start of the day-shift in the Swallow Wood and Haigh Moor seams. They had ridden the cage from the surface and then walked 100 yards to the start of a double-level conveyor belt that carries men to the coal face on its lower level and out of the workings on its upper stretch.

Men sit or lie on the 42 in-wide belt five metres apart and are transported 592 metres down a one-in-4.5 gradient before the conveyor levels out for 170 metres to the point where they alight for the coal faces. The journey is just over half a mile and takes seven to ten minutes.

The belts pass through a lighted tunnel, 16 ft high and 13 ft wide, and have been used at Thurcroft for at least 10 years. The bottom belt is two feet above the floor and the top level eight feet. On the inward journey there is two feet of space between the belt and the tunnel wall on the left side and five feet on the right. Most of the men were injured in their attempts to leap off.

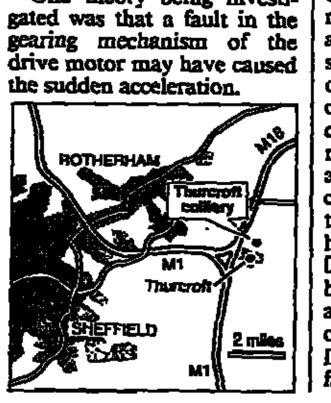
Mike Tucker, the colliery manager, said that it was normally a pleasant way to travel to work, "a little like a magic carpet ride". He said that there had been no previous problems with the system at Thurcroft or, as far as he knew, at other collieries. It had been well maintained and any lessons learnt from yesterday's incident would be passed on to other pits.

When the belt accelerated, the men were torn between trying to leap to safety or to cling on and pull a safety cable running alongside that is designed to cut out the drive motor. The belt eventually stopped but investigators are trying to find out whether the emergency stop worked quickly enough.

Keith Barrass, aged 37, who was on the conveyor, said: "The belt was going faster and faster until it must have been doing 40mph. Some of the lads jumped off and it seems most of them were injured. I decided to stay on until it stopped. They were pulling the emergency stop wire but it didn't seem to slow the belt for quite a while."

The injured were helped out of the colliery by colleagues and ten ambulances took them to Rotherham general hospital. Most had cuts, bruises, and sore backs and ribs, and some had suspected broken bones. No one was seriously hurt.

One theory being investigated was that a fault in the gearing mechanism of the drive motor may have caused the sudden acceleration.



Back to safety: some of the miners who were riding the underground conveyor belt at Thurcroft colliery, South Yorkshire, yesterday when it accelerated to about eight times its normal speed and many leapt for their lives

Collieries still high in danger list

By Paul Wilkinson

COAL mining is still a hazardous business despite all the safety improvements of recent years.

Only the construction industry and farming produced more fatalities over the four years up to 1990, together with oil and gas exploration, which was pushed into the top four by the 167 deaths in the Piper Alpha disaster of July 1988.

Some 73 coal industry workers died in the period, and 403 workers died in the building trade. The total of deaths in the oil business, including Piper Alpha, was 187 and agriculture and horticulture claimed 84 lives. Railway accidents killed 52 employees and other transport accidents claimed 60 workers' lives.

The reduction in the number of pits and miners has not produced a commensurate drop in the rate of casualties. Figures from the Health and Safety Executive show the rate per 100,000 employees to be just over 14 for coal mining. Other mining produced the highest figure, of more than 27. Forestry had 12.9 deaths per 100,000 workers.

Church 'is seen as insurance'

By Ruth Gledhill

MANY churchgoers consider their faith more of an insurance policy than a commitment, the national conference of priests in Birmingham was told yesterday. Generations of Roman Catholics had grown up knowing their catechism but remained almost infantile in their understanding of it, the conference heard.

Father Raphael Appleby, the conference vice-chairman and a Benedictine monk from Bristol, said that many adults drifted away from the religion they learned in childhood because it seemed to have little relevance to the world in which they lived.

Some sects counter-balanced this by using fear. "'Believe or go to hell' — Catholics are uncomfortably familiar with this approach, and it may have worked in a more settled age when people accepted some form of religious belief as the norm," Father Appleby said. However, it was no longer effective. "Our self-sufficient secular world no longer lives in fear of hell," he said.

An alternative approach, to teach children that God loved them no matter what, had been so successful that it more or less made the church redundant, Father Appleby added. The church would secure its future in the West only by taking on board its own social teaching of the last century. "Many Catholics give most generously to the caring agencies, but few have much concern for trying to reform the structures which cause the hunger," he said.

☐ The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, has appointed Lesley Perry, head of public affairs at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, to be his press secretary.

Militant Tendency plans to move into the open

By Philip Webster, *Chief Political Correspondent*

THE trotskyist Militant Tendency is preparing to move out into the open to allow its supporters to stand against official Labour party candidates and campaign for socialist policies.

The decision, which is being fought by a minority faction led by the sect's founding father, the veteran Ted Grant, is being taken because of what Militant sees as Labour's rightward shift under Neil Kinnock and his disciplinary crackdown that has left hundreds of its supporters expelled or suspended.

The Militant high command is actively considering putting up candidates in its Scottish strongholds at the next general election, possibly under the banner of the poll tax non-payment campaign. They may stand for the first time as Militant candidates.

It denies, however, that it is abandoning the Labour party. Senior Militant sources said last night that it still regards Labour as the vehicle for achieving its socialist aims and will still call for a Labour victory at the general election. For the moment it believes it has become impossible to be effective in the Labour party which it says has a largely inactive membership. Putting up candidates is seen as a way of maintaining the battle for socialism.

Mr Grant, who is in his seventies, has been defeated heavily inside the organisation's ruling central committee, but is preparing to take the battle to its congress in November.

The debate has flared since Militant's decision to fight in the Liverpool Walton by election where its Real Labour candidate Lesley Mahmood was soundly beaten by Peter Kilfoyle, the Labour candidate, and the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Grant, in an internal paper to the central committee, has derided the *Militant* newspaper's claim that the result was a victory for socialism. He said that it was "the worst kind of deception in a marxist organisation".

Mr Grant, who wants the movement to stick to its entryist past, says that it should stay within the Labour party and await an upturn in union activity after the general election. His long-time allies, Peter Taaffe, Lynn Walsh, and other key members of the newspaper's editorial board fully backed the decision to stand in Walton and believe that a move to act independently of Labour is a natural development of its activities in recent years, particularly through the anti-poll tax federation, and that Mr Grant and his supporters are fighting old battles.

A source said last night: "At present we are denied the possibility of activity within the Labour party. But we do not accept the conclusions of some that there is no future for the left inside the Labour party." Labour will portray Militant's decision as further evidence that it has defeated the tendency, but there may be concern that its candidates could harm Labour chances in marginal seats.

Boeings fail tests on baggage bins

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

AIRLINE passengers are to be ordered to leave more of their hand baggage in the hold because of fears that some overhead bins are not strong enough and may collapse.

Tests by the Federal Aviation Administration in America showed that the overhead bins in Boeing 757s and 737s failed to meet their certification requirements and all airlines have now been ordered to modify them as soon as strengthening kits are available.

The work could take many months to complete, however, and safety officials and airline executives are trying to work out ways of limiting the amount and weight of baggage each passenger can bring on board. There are no specific internationally approved rules about the size or weight of hand baggage and most airlines turn a blind eye to the recommended limit of only one small hand bag per person.

Because of growing congestion at airports more and more passengers try to beat the queue at their destination by taking as much as they can on board with them. It is not unusual to find that all the bins, which have a weight limit of 180lbs and should be able to withstand sharp turns or sudden stops, are crammed, often with duty free bottles or other weighty items, putting them under tremendous strain.

Cook reaffirms policy on hospitals

By John Winder

LABOUR will act at once to stop the second wave of hospital opt-outs at present in the pipeline if they win a November election, Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary, told Labour candidates at Westminster yesterday.

He had lifted a corner of the curtain of privacy, even secrecy, that normally conceals electoral preparations of political parties and allowed reporters to hear some of his advice to Labour candidates from all over the country. Mr Cook accused health authority officials of telling staff that even if Labour won the election they would not reverse the Conservative process of giving self-governing status to hospitals.

He said that even though he had made it clear several times, and twice from the platform at Labour conferences, that opted-out hospitals would be brought back into public control, he was still cheered every time he said it, as though it were a new announcement. Health authority managers were assuring staff that Labour would not halt and reverse the process but they were not speaking with the authority of the Labour party, although they might be speaking with the authority of the government, he said.

Cook: managers speaking without party authority

Mr Cook is meeting about 100 Labour candidates this week to brief them on Labour's health policy.

Man accused over stabbings

Rupert West, aged 37, appeared yesterday in Harringay magistrates' court, north London, accused of attempting to murder four police officers during a stabbing incident in a shopping centre.

He was charged with the attempted murder of WPcs Jennifer Lawson, Helen Kelly, and Zara Kingdom, and Sergeant John Davidson, at Wood Green, north London, on Monday. Mr West gave one address in Muswell Hill and another in Tottenham, both north London. Reporting restrictions were lifted at the request of the defence and Mr West was remanded in custody until Tuesday.

Bags of ambience down the market

By Alan Hamilton

THREE nectarines for £1 on Simon Lissner's fruit stall in Petticoat Lane market yesterday. Four for £1 on the stall opposite. Fight your way down the narrow alley milling with midday browsers; nectarines, seven for a pound. Tomatoes, squire? Oi, oi, oi. Best only. Two pounds for eighty pence.

They don't, on the whole, shout oi oi oi at you in Sainsbury's. We have all become too used to supermarkets, arcades and shopping malls and their essentially unexciting ambience, according to the National Federation of Consumer Groups. What we need more of are markets, and all their infinite variety which custom cannot stale. A button hook, a dirty book and men's elastic braces, as Max Miller used to sing.

According to a federation survey what shoppers want most from markets is cleanliness, value for money and variety of stalls. Oddly, personal service, quality and the availability of fresh local produce was low on the list of desirability. Respondents thought markets cheaper, quicker and more convenient than a supermarket. They enjoyed the chance to meet their friends, and also often found markets the only local source of particular items, notably fish.

They did not like the heavy pushchair traffic, the problems of car parking, or the way some traders filled the brown paper bag at the back of the stall rather than in full view of the customer. Those questioned also wanted easier access to the market inspector to mediate in disputes, as many traders were, to say the least, reluctant to entertain complaints of unsatisfactory goods.

No one was complaining yesterday at Mr Lissner, 48 years in the market and filling his brown paper bags in commendably full view. "Far more personal down here," he said. "Up the supermarket it's basket, plonk, pay and good day. We get a giggle down here, talk to the customers. It's got atmosphere."

An office worker bought two nectarines for her lunch. "Far more convenient than the shops. And so much cheaper," she said. As she spoke a police towaway truck descended on a car parked a few yards away and spirited it off to the pound. Further down the alley were handbags at £2.99, knickers at 50p, and sunglasses and melons at a quid.

"A notice should be displayed (on food stalls) noting when the last check was made under the new food safety regulations," says the federation. Not a lot of that down the lane, squire. "The name and address of the stallholders should be clearly shown." Well, Mr Lissner has his name and licence number in full view, but the youth flogging the Ray-Ban sunglasses at a tenner a pair was operating from a cardboard box.

As a price comparison, *The Times* visited the nearest big supermarket, Marks & Spencer in Moorgate, where tomatoes were £1.28 for two pounds, and melons £1.29 each. All the very best quality, of course. But would you believe it, they were clean out of nectarines.

Doubling up: twins at Beaufort school, Tuffey, Gloucester. Front row, Christopher and Matthew Symonds, Claire and Michelle Tyson. Centre, Gary and Kevin Thomas, Mark and Tony Bennet. Back, Gemma and Laura Green

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Continuing disorder among young people in deprived areas of three cities have the experts divided

We must stand up to the yobs, says Oxford gang victim

By Craig Seton

AN OXFORD man told yesterday how he was clubbed to the ground with a baseball bat and his girlfriend was stabbed three times and beaten when they told marauding youths outside their home to leave them in peace.

Melvyn Davies, aged 30, bore a slash wound across his forehead and was nursing a fractured cheekbone, black eye and bruising to his nose and chin when he spoke yesterday at his three-bedroom terrace house on the Blackbird Leys estate.

In the early hours of the morning he and Alison Van Dyke decided "enough was enough" and left their house to confront the gangs after four nights of disturbances. Their endeavour nearly cost Miss Van Dyke her life. She was stabbed in the body and face as she tried to take photographs of the gangs to give to police. Yesterday she was in a serious but stable condition in hospital.

Mr Davies, a senior technician at Oxford polytechnic, was beaten up when he tried to rescue her. The slash on his forehead needed eight stitches before he was released from hospital. He said that he and Miss Van Dyke decided that they could no longer ignore the gangs who had made life for residents on the council-built estate miserable after months of joy-riding stunts in stolen cars. He said: "We have got to stamp on this sort of thing or it will spread like wildfire and become a new craze for the yobs. We cannot let them ruin our lives."

He said it was after midnight when he and Miss Van Dyke, a jobless secretary, ventured out of the home which they are buying. On the green outside large crowds of young people, black and white, were gathering. "I went and said to them, 'Leave us in peace. We do not want the hassle.' This guy told me I was out of my league. He said, 'Go back to your little house with your little wife'. The next thing I knew this black lad laid into Alison. Others started kicking and punching her and I saw her go to the ground. I was told there were 13 or 15 booting into her."

Mr Davies said that as he tried to reach Miss Van Dyke other youths attacked him with "flying mule" kicks from behind. When he reached her she was screaming and bleeding but conscious enough to tell him that she had been stabbed in the stomach. Mr Davies was felled with what he believed was a baseball bat. Police reinforcements cleared the crowds for an ambulance.

Mr Davies said he did not want to be painted as a hero. If more people with guts said they did not want the gangs, they would stop their activities. The police were trying their best but had limited resources. "The people on the estate are wonderful. It is just a minority. Someone has to stand up to them."

However, last night, as police in riot gear were on the alert for new outbreaks of disorder, members of the public were warned not to intervene.

Detective Inspector David Belcher, who is investigating the attack on Mr Davies and Miss Van Dyke, said: "Going out to remonstrate with people in this sort of situation is not wise. We are confident we are dealing with the situation correctly and we do not need assistance from anybody in a vigilante way."

Last night police were due to meet Blackbird Leys parish council. Members were expected ask residents to help police track down the ringleaders of the joyriders.

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Badly wounded: Alison Van Dyke lies on the ground tended by Mr Davies and a policeman in riot gear

Handsworth force on alert

POLICE in Birmingham were on full alert in Handsworth last night to avoid a repetition of Monday night's violence when 200 officers in riot gear dispersed scores of youths who looted shops after a power failure left the area in darkness (Craig Seton writes).

West Midlands police said yesterday that there had been 43 burglaries reported, mainly from shops. There had also been damage and assaults. Police denied claims by shopkeepers that they had reacted too slowly. David Baker, assistant chief constable, said the police had deployed quickly but had to deal properly with the incidents when enough officers had mobilised to deal with the youths. He accused opportunists of looting when the lights went out.

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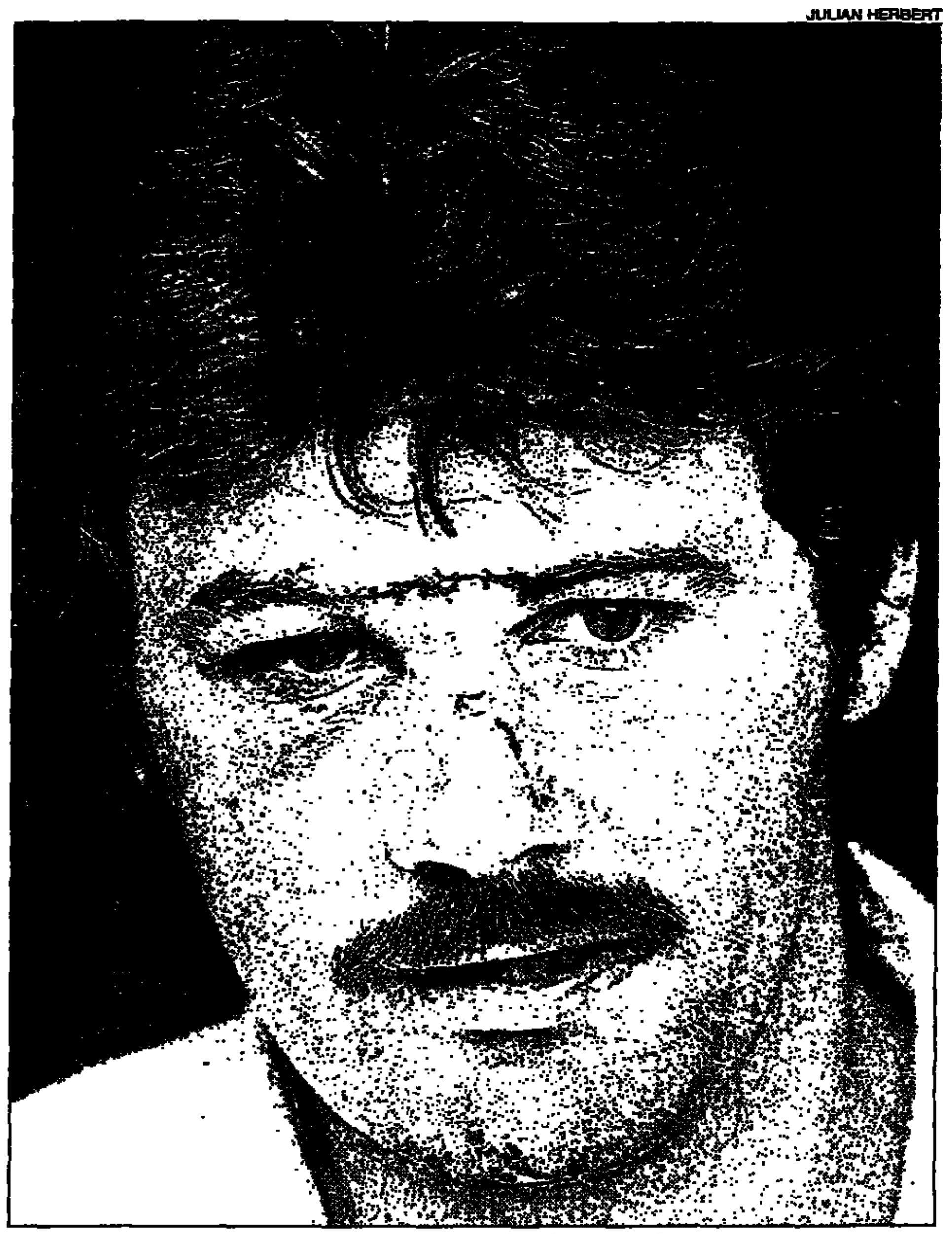


Slashed and bruised by joyriders: Melvyn Davies yesterday. "We have got to stamp on this sort of thing or it will spread like wildfire

Youth 'heroes' get high on hotting

Unemployment may not be the only reason for the troubles hitting an Oxford housing estate, psychologists say. **Quentin Cowdry reports**

JOYRIDING can be addictive, according to psychologists trying to explain the street disorders in Oxford over the last few days.

Claims that joyriding, or "hotting" as it is sometimes known, stems wholly from youth unemployment or lack of legitimate forms of leisure for youngsters ring hollow. Police say not all of the joyriders on Oxford's Blackbird Leys council estate are on the dole.

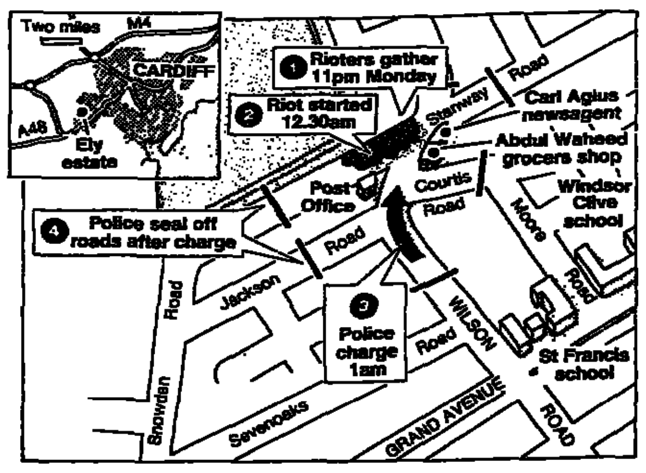
A rushed investigation by Oxfordshire probation service has concluded that the craze has an "obsessive element" to it. Youngsters told of getting a "buzz", akin to being drunk or being high on drugs, after stealing cars and driving them at breakneck speed, often pursued by the police.

The most prolific "hotters" are lauded by their peers almost as folk heroes. Police say the craze has become highly organised, with some youngsters specialising in stealing the cars and others in driving them.

"Blackbird Leys is certainly a relatively deprived district, which has bred a fair amount of alienation and frustration among local youths, but this seems far from the complete story," said Peter Patrick, Oxfordshire's chief probation officer. "There is a compulsive element to this cult which, unfortunately, cannot be addressed by straightforward law enforcement or deterrent penalties". The joyriders' exploits had become an "alternative" spectator sport on the estate. One proposal is that police, probation staff, social services and other council officials in Oxfordshire should set up a permanent inter-agency committee to devise crime prevention strategies.

Probation officers are also considering setting up a driving school on the estate or a workshop where youths could learn how to repair and tune cars and motor cycles.

The estate's only youth club closed recently because of lack of funds. Unemployment on Blackbird Leys is more than 10 per cent.



Cardiff police chief criticises bail decisions

By Tim Jones

A SENIOR police officer in Cardiff last night expressed concern about magistrates' policy of granting bail against a background of violence in the city.

Bob Evans, assistant chief constable of South Wales police, whose men have been attacked in rioting caused by the so-called bread war, said: "I must say it has been a bit disheartening for our officers on the ground."

The dispute started after Abdul Waheed, who owns a grocer's shop in Wilson Road, took out an injunction enforcing a restrictive covenant that prevents Carl Agius, the newsagent next door, from selling bread and milk. Mr Agius, a Welshman of Maltese extraction, was apparently undercutting Mr Waheed and, on the Ely estate where unemployment is high, the pence mattered. Local people have also criticized Mr Waheed, now in hiding, for taking a very hard line with an alleged shoplifter. The community is determined he will not return to his shop although Mr Waheed has said that he will not be intimidated and will continue in business.

According to senior police officers, the original dispute has now been hijacked by a hard core of troublemakers determined to attack the police. For the past four nights, policemen in shirt sleeves have endured abuse until missiles and petrol bombs have forced senior officers to call in riot squads.

Yesterday, Robert Lawrence, chief constable of the South Wales Constabulary, said that the rioters would not be allowed to take control and hinted that his force would be prepared to adopt even tougher measures. He said: "We do not want to fan the flames of violence but we will consider all options. The reality is that if we allow the mob to win, what hope is there of members of society being allowed to conduct their ways of life safely?"

He added: "Make no mistake, the mob are not going to win. We have the manpower and the resources to make sure they do not."

Orkney children showed no signs of sexual abuse

By Kerry Gill

NONE of the nine Orkney children taken into care by police and social workers after allegations of sexual abuse showed any signs of abuse when medically examined, the judicial enquiry in Kirkwall was told yesterday.

Paul Lee, the islands' social work director, said that the examinations were carried out after the children had been taken from Orkney to the mainland. He admitted, however, that although there was no evidence of sexual abuse no consideration was given to having the children returned to their families. Mr Lee's disclosure is the first time the enquiry before Lord Clyde has been told that there were no signs of abuse.

During evidence Mr Lee has justified the removal of the children on the basis that he believed organised child abuse was taking place on South Ronaldsay, where the children lived.

Nigel Morrison, QC, for two of the four families, asked Mr Lee if he had been aware that the parents were never asked for their consent to the examinations, which were arranged by the police. Mr Lee said he was unaware that that was the case. Asked about the examinations, Mr Lee said: "My recollection was that the examinations did not show any signs of abuse."

Asked if this had led him to review the children's retention in care, he said that it did not. Asked again why he did not think of returning the children home, Mr Lee said: "My understanding is, as a lay person, that it is not always the case that sexual abuse is indicated when a medical examination is taking place.

"Perhaps other, more expert, witnesses might be able to follow that up but that is my understanding so, in that sense, it is not necessarily the case that sexual abuse has not occurred simply because there is no medical evidence of that at the time."

Mr Morrison asked him if the parents were entitled to know about the medical evidence. Mr Lee said it was a point of debate. He said it was the responsibility of the reporter to the children's panel to decide whether or not to tell the parents about the medical evidence although he admitted that the parents would have been very anxious to hear about the examinations.

The enquiry continues today.

Shy marine stabbed rival

A "SHY and retiring" young Royal Marine who knifed a rival in love after drinking nine tots of rum and six pints of beer was sentenced yesterday to 18 months in a civilian young offenders' institution.

Robert Tamboorini, aged 20, from Liverpool, was dismissed the service at a court martial at the Commando Training Centre in Lympstone, Devon. Tamboorini's solicitor, Nick Sanders, said that Tamboorini had been told by his girlfriend, Melanie McCullogh, that she wanted to end their relationship because she liked Marine Andy Tyrell.

Tamboorini went on his drinking session, said Mr Sanders, and the "shy and retiring" marine "lost control of his reason". Marine Tyrell received eight cuts to his hands, three of which needed stitches.

Tamboorini denied wounding him with intent to cause grievous bodily harm but admitted unlawful wounding. His pleas were accepted.

Patient 'feared nurses'

By Ronald Faux

A PATIENT who died in Ashworth hospital, Merseyside, three years ago lived in fear of the nurses who looked after him, his sister said yesterday.

Sean Walton, aged 20, had believed people were trying to kill him, Lynn Walton told a committee of enquiry in Liverpool. After his death from unexplained causes in a locked seclusion room at Ashworth, a high security hospital, she had seen his body in the chapel of rest and had been shocked.

"I expected to see him looking at peace but he looked 100 years old," she said. "He looked terrible. He looked really bad." She said there were definite signs of bruising around his head.

The enquiry was ordered by the government after allegations of abuse at the hospital in a Channel 4 documentary. Walton had been a patient for five years after pleading guilty to indecent assault and abduction.

Miss Walton, aged 30, the first witness to give evidence before the enquiry, said that from the moment her brother was admitted to the hospital his condition declined.

The enquiry continues.

Authorial distinctions are laid to rest

By William Cash

A DELICATE question of literary etiquette was raised yesterday by Lady Antonia Fraser when she expressed bafflement in a letter to *The Times* over what being a "writer" meant — according to the birthday columns of this newspaper.

The author of such distinguished biographies as *Mary Queen of Scots* and *Cromwell Our Chief of Men* wrote that she was intrigued at being described in *The Times* birthday column as a "writer" when her fellow biographer, Michael Holroyd, with whom she shares a birthday on August 24, is referred to as "author".

The correspondence began the day before in a post-structuralist style letter from Mr Michael Grosvenor Myer that drew attention to the distinction, in the birthday column for August 27, between Antonia Byatt, writer, Martin Amis, author, and Brian Moore, novelist.

Lady Antonia: a matter of self-description

The answer to Lady Antonia's question is simple. The general rule for *The Times* birthday column is that those listed are described as they choose to describe themselves in *Who's Who*. Her entry, for example, begins: Fraser, Lady Antonia (Lady Antonia Pinter); writer; b 27 Aug 1932.

Michael Holroyd, who refers to himself as an "author" in *Who's Who*, said yesterday that author sounded more pompous and important than writer. "A writer could be a more talented individual but it rather sounds as if you're not quite sure whether you've been published or not."

Saying that he might use the noun in the context of describing someone "as a natural writer", Holroyd added that Lady Antonia should consider herself lucky not to have been referred to as an "authoress".

There are no hard and fast rules. While the majority of those in the birthday columns appear in *Who's Who*, many are recommended by readers or simply inserted at the court and social editor's discretion. The August 16 list, for example, included Madonna, singer, and Jeff Thomson, cricketer.

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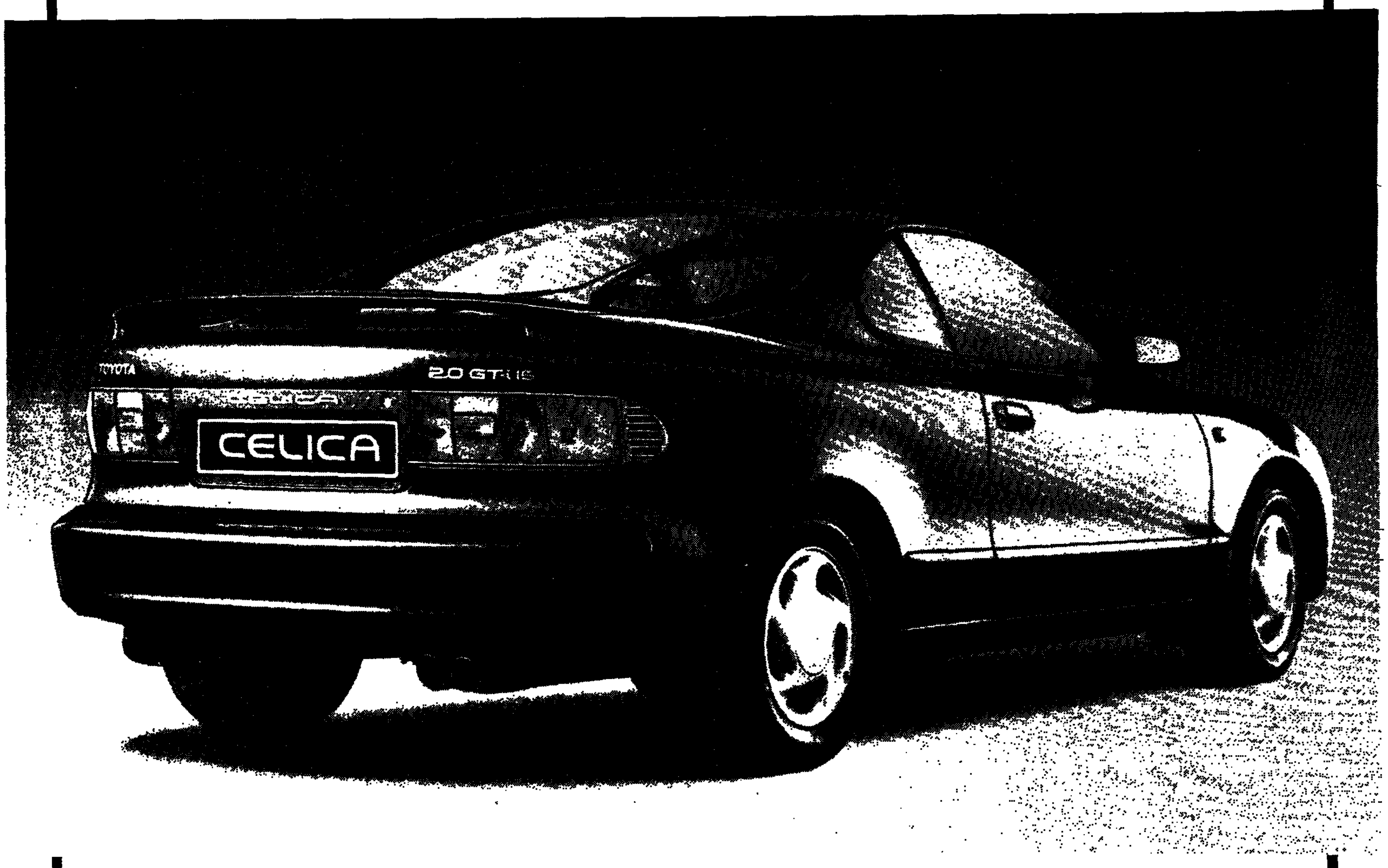

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Jam makers win friends in fight for adult leisure classes

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

JAM making and flower arranging found their supporters yesterday when a campaign to persuade the government to rethink its plans for adult education was launched by Labour councils, the Liberal Democrats and Lord Beloff, the Conservative peer.

Under legislation to be announced in the Queen's speech when Parliament reconvenes next month, students enrolling on adult education courses, many of them housewives, will have to pay up to £500 a term from April 1993 for what the government describes as "leisure courses".

Every year almost 3.5 million adults join the courses, which range from language instruction to car maintenance, and steel band lessons to shirt making. Campaigners say that the classes lead to further and higher education and allow mature students to enter careers that would normally no longer be open to them. Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, said at a press conference organised by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities: "John Major's lasting legacy to British education may be as the prime minister who by accident destroyed one of the finest adult education services in the world."

The government proposes that only further education courses leading to a recognised qualification should be automatically given grants, but Mr Straw said that the division between leisure and vocational was blurred. "If someone starts a course in Spanish because they want to converse better on holiday, but then use their language to get a better job, how is the original course to be categorised?" he asked.

"Forcing full-cost fees on leisure interest courses is bound to lead to a quick decline in the numbers taking *such courses. The* government's policy fails to recognise that adult education is not only an important route into more formal work-related education but serves important social and health functions. An adult education course may be a far better cure for loneliness and depression than Valium or Mogadon."

People who say that adult courses changed their lives include Grace Mulligan, presenter of *Farmhouse Cookery*, television's longest running cookery show, and Frank Wilkinson, a senior researcher in applied economics at Cambridge university and a fellow of Girton College. Mrs Mulligan said that as a needlework teacher in a Yorkshire village she was persuaded to join her local institute's cookery classes, which led to her career as a television cook. "The classes completely changed my life," she said.

Mr Wilkinson left school at 15 and worked on a farm and in an ironworks before joining a course in English appreciation, economics and industrial relations run by the Workers' Educational Association. "Everyone who went on that course either drastically changed the course of their life or got promotion at what they were doing," he said.

Tim Eggar, the junior education minister, said: "The government wants to encourage people in high quality courses leading to qualifications. This is where government funding should go." He added that resources were finite and had to be put where they would be most use. Vocational courses had to take precedence and if people chose to enrol in leisure courses in their spare time then they would have to be prepared to pay for them.

☐ Many employers suffering from the recession have had to turn away graduates who had previously been promised jobs, the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services said yesterday. Average starting salaries have also dipped over the past three months with no end to the job shortage in sight. Keith Dugdale, the association's chairman, told its annual conference in Hull that the percentage of this summer's graduates still unemployed at the end of the year would be well into double figures.

MARTIN BEDDALL

For private consumption: Marie-Louise Rossi, chairman of Westminster council's education committee,and Alan Bradley, chairman of its competitive tendering committee, taking lunch with Serena Gajde, aged nine, when she had her first taste yesterday of privatised school meals as pupils began a new term at the St Vincent de Paul primary school, Westminster.

The Conservative-controlled inner London borough has privatised the meals service for all of its 54 schools, signing a £9 million five-year contract with Commercial Catering Group. The council claims that the deal will save its poll-tax payers £500,000 a year.

Miss Rossi and Mr Bradley joined Serena to make their choice from a 75p menu. There was a main course selection of chicken sausages, ravioli, vegetarian burgers, boiled potatoes, mixed vegetables, cauliflower and mixed salads, followed by Eve's pudding (a steamed apple sponge pudding), lemon curd tart and custard or fresh fruit.

Secondary school pupils in Westminster are offered a cafeteria service providing sandwiches, rolls and salads, with children deciding what to eat and how much to spend.

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Children's TV not wicked, says BBC

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT claims that children's television is leading to a decline in literacy were rejected yesterday by the BBC, which unveiled a £37 million package of programmes for young people this autumn.

Anna Home, head of BBC Television's children's unit, said that the new schedule would refute the assertion by Michael Fallon, junior education minister, that children's television was "wicked, brazen and sinister". Mr Fallon suggested last week that children's television was also the cause of declining literacy.

Miss Home said there would be more than 1,000 hours of "quality" programmes for under-16s, including seven drama series with several based on award-winning novels. The programmes would inform and educate, as well as entertain.

The drama series will include *Merlin*, based on Mary Stewart's best-selling novel *The Crystal Cave*.

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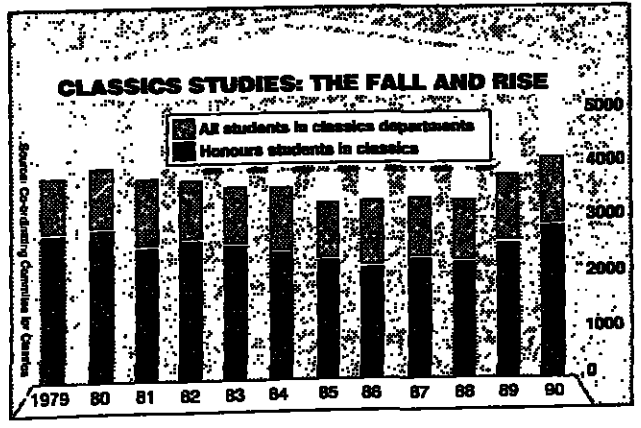
Union told to apologise over school

A HEAD teachers' union was yesterday asked to apologise for claiming that a local education authority had failed properly to support a primary school and had misled a new head on its state when she was appointed last April (David Tytler writes).

Graham Badman, director of education for Avon county council, said that the National Association of Headteachers should withdraw its letter to Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, asking for an independent inspection of the 300-pupil Two Mile Hill primary school at Kingswood, Bristol.

Mr Bradman said that the association, which represented Anne Warrington, the new head, had behaved "in a most ill-considered and irresponsible manner" and should publicly apologise. He said it had made unsubstantiated allegations about inadequate funding, lack of action by the education authority in dealing with problems at the school, and lack of support for Mrs Warrington.

The authority had taken all possible steps to support her, and eight advisory teachers would join the school this term to support both head and staff, Mr Bradman said.



Ancient world finds a new lease on life

By OUR EDUCATION EDITOR

MORE university students are choosing to study classics, even though only a few state schools teach Latin and Greek, according to a survey published today.

Peter Jones, senior lecturer in classics at Newcastle university, said that although many schools no longer taught the languages they had expanded into the teaching of the related subjects of ancient and classical history. Dr Jones estimated that about 80 per cent of students studying Greek and Latin came from independent schools but that state schools were beginning to hold their own in classical studies.

The number of full-time equivalent students in the 26 classics departments at universities rose from 3,750 in 1989 to 4,049 last year, an increase of 8 per cent. In 1979, when the table was first compiled by the Co-ordinating Committee for Classics, the figure was 3,761. (The full-time equivalent figure is based on the time spent on classical subjects by all students studying in classics departments).

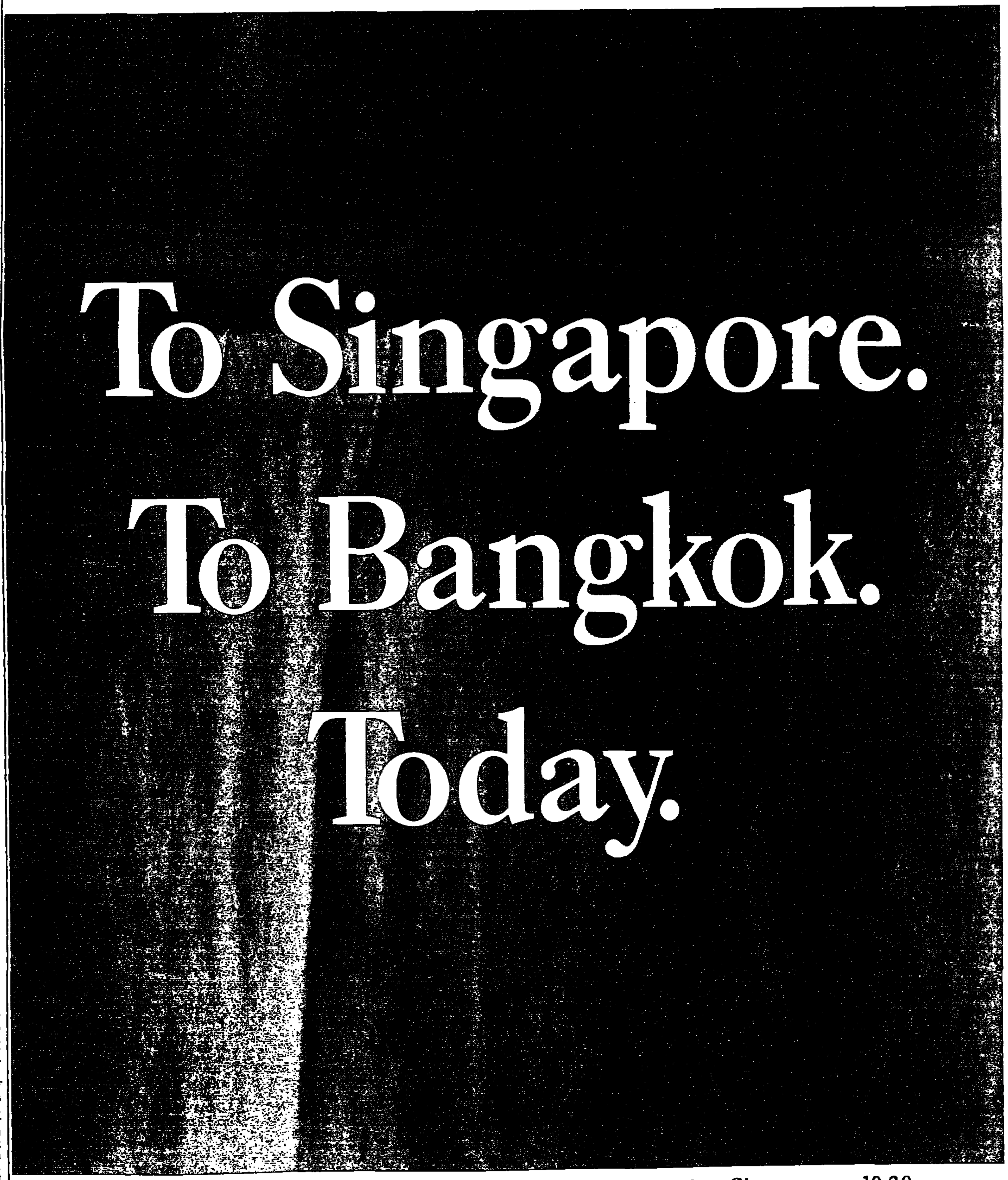
Dr Jones said: "Classics have always had the reputation of being inaccessible, difficult, and, that dreadful word, elitist. Classical studies have opened up the classics in a way that everybody can do it. You do not need to know the language to get an insight into Latin and Greek civilisation. The ancient world has always held a fascination for children with its myths and legends."

The number of honours students in classics departments has risen from 2,534 in 1989 to 2,744 last year, an increase of 8.3 per cent. The numbers studying for classical language degrees has gone up to 1,175 from 1,101 in 1989. *In 1979 there were 1,565* language students.

Classical studies, ancient history and archaeology saw the biggest rise, with the number of students going up from 800 in 1989 to 926 last year, an increase of 15.8 per cent and the highest number since 1985.

Increases in the number of students reading the classics coincides with a general rise in student numbers, but Dr Jones said that increases in student numbers in the past had not been matched by a rise in those taking classics. "These latest figures show that we are not only keeping pace with other subjects but that we are expanding."

The average staff-student ratio is now 1:11.4, with ratios varying from 1:8 to 1:19. Seventeen years ago the average was less than 1:7; nine years ago it had risen to 1:9. The report says: "There is no question that classicists are pulling their weight under the new economic dispensation, though for how long departments can maintain the quality of their teaching at ratios of 1:19 remains to be seen."



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EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION

Scargill defeat hailed as blow to Tory line

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR party leaders believe that the government's proposed union legislation and its attacks on the relationship between the party and the unions have been markedly weakened by the decision of the Trades Union Congress yesterday to reject hardline moves to scrap all Conservative employment laws.

Labour leaders were delighted at the clear rejection by the TUC annual conference in Glasgow of the left-wing move, led by Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

However, the TUC's decision was criticised by the government in the propaganda campaign being waged against the unions by Michael Howard, the employment secretary.

The significance of the TUC action — which amounted merely to a restatement of current union and Labour party policy — lay in its rejection of the hardline approach.

Speaking after his defeat, Mr Scargill accused Labour of manipulation of the decision. He said: "In view of the arm-twisting that's taken place and the pressure that has been put on, both within the TUC and outside the TUC, it was a magnificent vote."

What Labour and the TUC re-committed themselves to was the retention of a number of legislative changes introduced by the government, in particular pre-strike ballots and ballots for union leaders.

Mr Scargill wanted repeal of all the Conservatives' union laws, which Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said was a covert move to abandon such balloting requirements. He said: "The public won't accept that, and poll after poll has told us that our members won't accept it, either."

Labour leaders were privately delighted at the vanquishing of Mr Scargill, convinced that the ferocity of his criticisms of Labour's employment law policy will have done much to diminish the impact of the government's recent attacks on the unions.

Mr Scargill's motion was defeated by 5,809,000 votes to 2,270,000, a majority of 3.5 million. Unions voting with Mr Scargill included the local government union Nalgo, the MSF general technical union, the RMT rail and sea union, and Aslef, the train drivers' union. Those voting against the NUM included the TGWU transport union, the GMB general union, the AEU engineering workers, the print union Sogat and the banking union Bifu. Bill Jordan, the AEU president, told Mr Scargill: "You are not going to have your mass pickets."

Tony Blair, Labour's employment spokesman, said that the TUC decision laid to rest the arguments of the past, but Mr Howard called it a "sham", saying: "What Arthur Scargill wants in the headlines, Tony Blair will give the unions in the small print."

FRANK BRADFORD

Putting their heads together: Rodney Bickerstaffe, of Nupe, Ron Todd, TGWU, and Ken Gill, MSF

Female civil servants' pay in second division

THE adoption of performance-related pay in the civil service has lead to a new form of discrimination against women workers, Treasury figures show (Ross Tieman writes).

Although the system was intended to encourage fairer links between reward and performance, 51.5 per cent of senior male civil servants have been given performance-related pay, compared with 38.2 per cent of their female colleagues.

The figures, covering 16,000 senior civil servants, were presented by Liz Symons, secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants and are certain to provoke concern that similar inequalities could emerge as the system spreads to lower grades among the country's 500,000 civil servants. Ms Symons said the Treasury had provided the figures reluctantly and was unable to explain the disparity in pay awards between men and women.

Performance-related pay was intended to improve incentives for workers, she said, but "the ways in which people are paid can have a de-motivating effect".

TEACHERS

NUT seeks collective bargaining

By NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S biggest teachers' union is heading for a clash with Labour leaders over the restoration of pay-bargaining rights.

The National Union of Teachers wants Labour to abandon support for the principle of a teachers' pay review body, and revert to support for bringing back collective bargaining. The union plans to use a motion expected to be passed today to increase pressure on the party.

The move follows months of backstage conflict between the union and the shadow cabinet over Labour's underlying support for the bill rushed through Parliament in the summer to set up a review body for the next pay round.

Delegates are expected to reaffirm their support for collective bargaining during today's debate on public sector pay. Yesterday, Doug McAvoy, the NUT general secretary, said that he intended to use TUC endorsement of his union's position to reopen the argument with the Labour leadership.

"We desperately need to get a firm commitment from congress in order that we can go back to Jack Straw and Neil Kinnock and say: 'You have got to review your position'," he said. The union would seek an early meeting with Mr Straw, Labour's education spokesman, to call for a manifesto commitment to restore collective bargaining for teachers.

The NUT has been hampered in its resistance to the introduction of a review body by its isolation among the five other teachers' unions, which support the principle.

WAGES

Pay pledge 'will not cost jobs'

LABOUR'S plans for a national minumum wage will not cause job losses, John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, insisted yesterday as he underlined his party's commitment to tackling low pay (Nicholas Wood writes).

Mr Smith chose a fringe meeting at the TUC conference to demonstrate the Opposition's determination to stick to its guns in the face of Conservative accusations that a wages floor would cost up to two million jobs. Mr Smith said the figures from Michael Howard, the employment secretary, were based on wholly fallacious assumptions and had been taken apart by Tony Blair, Labour's employment spokesman.

Mr Smith pointed to a study by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development on the impact of a minimum wage on the French economy to justify his case. It had found no significant effect on jobs or prices. A wages floor set at 50 per cent of average male earnings, currently £3.40 an hour, will be an "early priority" of an incoming Labour government, Mr Smith said.

Smith: pay legislation is an early Labour priority

CONGRESS NOTEBOOK Philip Bassett

Fellow-travellers but not room-mates

Neil Kinnock arrived in Glasgow last night at the TUC conference, accused by government ministers of having a dependent relationship with the unions.

Dependent it may have looked to Michael Howard, the employment secretary, from the security of Conservative Central Office, but to some staff of the TGWU transport union — Labour's largest, and Mr Kinnock's own — it didn't quite seem like that.

As the Labour leader's entourage hit town, some TGWU officials were asked to vacate their rooms at the TUC conference hotel, the Kelvin Park Lorne at the upmarket end of Sauchiehall Street, to make way for Mr Kinnock's party.

But there was some consolation for the homeless transport union officials when they arrived at the substitute hotel. A member of the staff asked them: "Port or brandy?" Nobody is saying who was paying.

The annual conference award for the most downtrodden group of workers must surely go to those running the nation's launderettes.

As Chris Pond, director of the Low Pay Unit, told a fringe meeting yesterday, their staff have never enjoyed even the meagre protection afforded to laundry workers, because the tumble drier had yet to make its appearance in the high street in 1909 when Winston Churchill pioneered the first wages council laws. John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, piled on the agony.

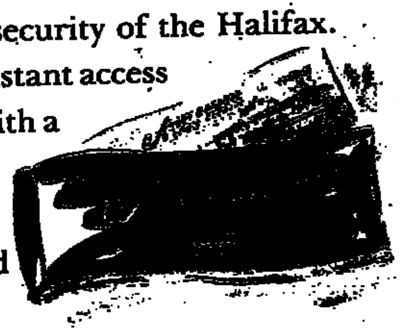
He knew of a launderette where the staff lugged home their wages in 20p pieces wrung from the machines and had to reimburse customers personally for any lost coins.

Yesterday at the TUC was Arthur Scargill's day as the NUM leader railed at the government, the Labour party and the TUC general council — not necessarily in that order. The NUM is in merger talks with the TGWU, with many in the TGWU nervous that a merger might somehow mean Arthur clawing his way to the top. What might have been a foretaste of that came as the Conservatives' favourite union bogeyman arrived at the conference hall.

Television crews keen to get pictures of something other than men in suits sitting inside the funereally draped debating chamber, focused on Mr Scargill and, as television crews will, immediately began walking backwards while they filmed him.

In doing so, they crashed into, and all but upended, Jack Adams, who is fighting a bitterly contested Communist v Kinnockite election in the TGWU for its number two job (he's the Communist and Jack Dromey, husband of Labour frontbencher Harriet Harman, is the Kinnockite).

Unusually, it was not the media who got the blame, but Arthur.



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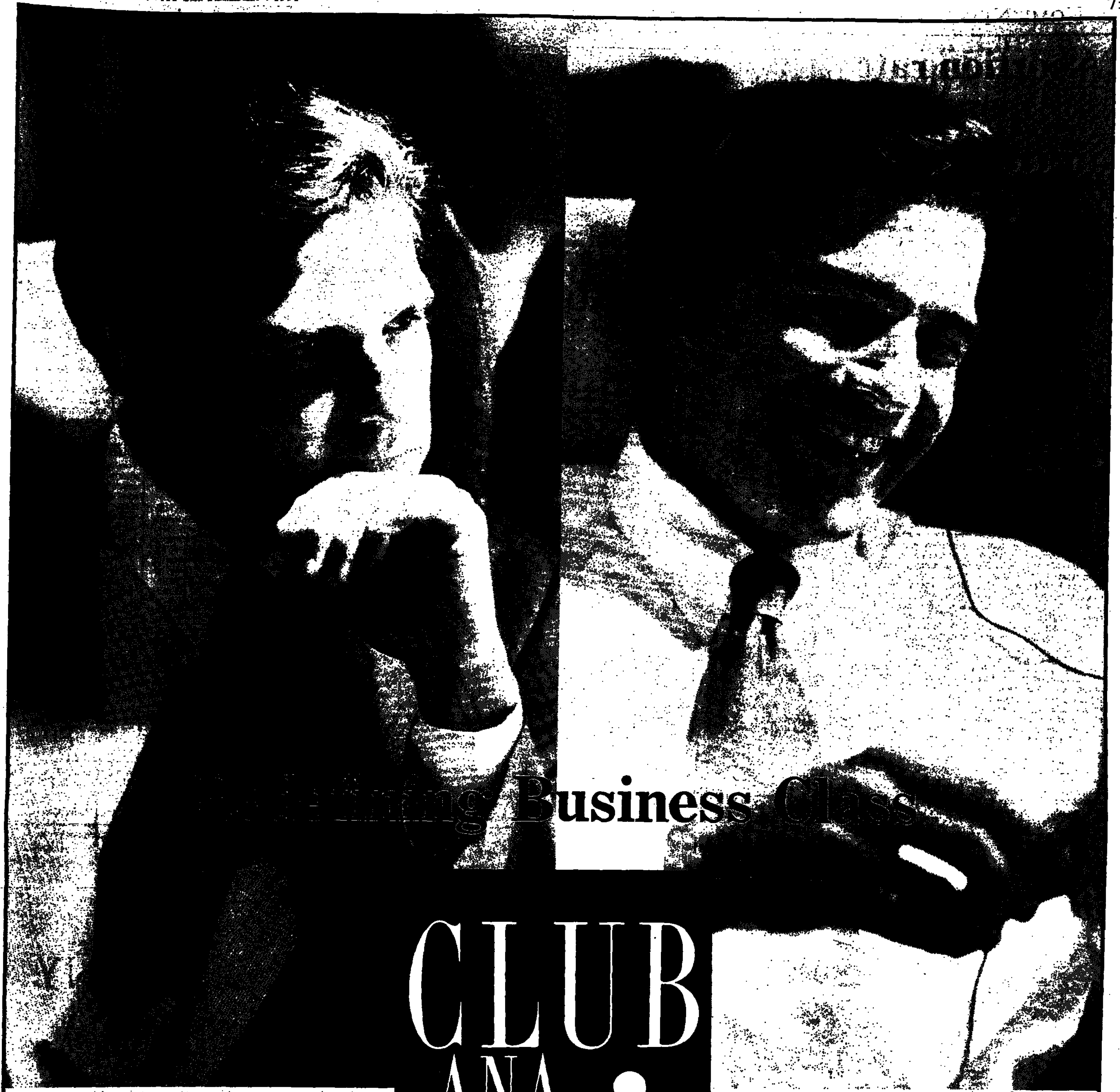

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Abortion rate for teenagers quadruples in 20 years

By Thomson Prentice, Medical Correspondent

A STEEP rise in unplanned pregnancies and abortions among teenagers prompted a call yesterday by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists for more sex education in schools.

Last year there were 173,900 legal abortions in England and Wales, of which almost a third were for women under the age of 20. The numbers, and rates for teenagers, have been rising for more than 20 years.

"We are particularly concerned about unplanned pregnancies in the teenager, which point directly to the lack of education in schools on the importance of family planning and related matters," a working party of the college said in a report. "There is an urgent need for the introduction of sex education policies and programmes in schools, and the appointment of specialist teachers."

The report shows that abortions rates for teenage women are much higher now than in the late 1960s. In 1969, 11,200 women aged 15-19 had an abortion. By 1972, the number was 27,000, by 1980 it was 36,400, and by 1988, it had reached 43,300.

The report was welcomed by the Family Planning Association, whose director, Doreen Massey, a member of the working party, said: "We urge the Department of Education and Science to introduce a national programme of sex education in schools and to ensure that teachers receive proper training".

The Health Education Authority and the National Aids Trust also supported the recommendations. Spencer Haggard, chief executive of the authority, said: "Regular monitoring of a comprehensive, national programme of sex education would ensure its effectiveness." Margaret Jay, director of the trust, said: "A large number of unplanned teenage pregnancies indicates a considerable amount of unprotected sex, and that is the main cause of the transmission of HIV. Sex education in schools is urgently needed not only to combat unplanned pregnancies but also to help stop the spread of Aids."

David Paintin, a member of the working party and chairman of the Birth Control Trust, said: "Twenty per cent of young people are sexually active by the age of 16. Sex education as it exists in schools tends to be negative, warning of the dangers without giving teenagers the language and the skills to overcome their embarrassment and uncertainties, and enabling them to talk about their feelings and their problems."

The report says there is a need for the training of health professionals in sexuality and contraception, and for confidential family planning services aimed at young people. "Although sex is much discussed in the mass media, our culture is not genuinely open about sexual matters. Indeed, we lack a vocabulary to describe sexual feelings or activity that is not either highly medical or vulgar."

The report has been sent to the health department. Stephen Dorrell, the junior health minister, yesterday said: "Many of the working party's recommendations about the provision of contraceptive services are in line with our thoughts, and we are considering ways in which these might be taken forward."

Report of the RCOG Working Party on Unplanned Pregnancy (The College, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG: £10)

TONY WHITE

Liquid asset: Ann Adey by the pond at Normandy, Surrey, whose restoration she will describe today at a national environmental conference

Stagnant bog becomes village's prize pond

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

NORMANDY, a straggle of houses along the road between Guildford and Aldershot, is not an obvious candidate for picture postcard treatment. "People used to joke that you came to the nicest part of the village when you had gone through it," Ann Adey, a resident, says.

They are not making jokes like that now. Screened from the main road by a coppice, at a spot where only five years ago there was nothing but stagnant, overgrown bog, is one of the loveliest and most unexpected village ponds in southern England, the winner of two prizes and a star exhibit in the campaign for pond restoration.

Some 100 yards long and 40 yards wide, the pond is ringed by alder, birch and oak trees. The banks sport foxgloves, there are tall reeds and a pair of mallards have set up home.

Times past: the picture of Normandy pond that inspired restoration

The story of the pond's rebirth began in 1985 when Mrs Adey, who moved to the Surrey village nine years ago, was shown a faded photograph by an elderly neighbour, Gladys Marshall, of herself as a child sitting by the water's edge. "That was the first I or most other people in the village had heard of a pond," Mrs Adey said. "We think the photo was taken in 1908. Gladys said she could remember skating on it. I put on my wellies and went to where she said the pond was. Trees had grown up and there was almost no open water left. I decided at once that the villagers should have their pond back."

Through records, Mrs Adey traced the pond's existence as far as the 17th century. In 1898, it was described as a lake well stocked with fish. Deterioration seems to have set in by the time of Gladys Marshall's picture, and by the 1920s the pond had silted up.

The parish council, initially cool to the project, eventually backed restoration after Mrs Adey spent six months visiting villages with ponds and preparing a feasibility report. More than 100 people attended a meeting at which a restoration committee was set up.

Up to 50 volunteers from the village (population 3,000), reinforced at one point by juvenile offenders from Guildford and Farnham, turned out every Sunday morning for three years to clear the site of scrub and trees. Local industry came up with cash, and Thames Water supplied digging equipment at subsidised cost and diverted a stream to refill the pond, which is also fed by a previously clogged-up spring.

Mrs Adey will tell the story of Normandy pond in Oxford today at the first national ponds conference, to be addressed by Tony Baldry, the junior environment minister. Organised by Pond Action, a group linked to the World Wide Fund for Nature, and the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, it is intended to draw attention to the need for legal protection for ponds of the kind enjoyed by trees.

Jeremy Biggs, manager of Pond Action, estimates that there are some 350,000 ponds in England and Wales, with no more than 10 per cent in good condition. He said: "Ponds are a vital wildlife resource and need a national conservation strategy."

Warders break up prison siege

A siege at Shotts prison, Lanarkshire, ended after 18 hours yesterday when prison officers broke through barricades built by more than 50 inmates. Many of the officers had been drafted in from other Scottish jails.

One officer was taken to hospital after being injured by debris and about 20 cells were damaged. Last night there was no clear reason for the protest, which began when 53 inmates refused their evening meal and barricaded themselves in the prison's B hall.

Obscenity case

Linzi Drew, aged 33, editor of the men's magazine *Penthouse*, appeared before magistrates at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, accused of possessing and publishing obscene video films for gain. She was committed for trial at Guildford crown court on a date to be set.

Soldiers hurt

Two soldiers are critically ill after being thrown through a window during a fight with two other soldiers at Salisbury, Wiltshire. The clash was said to be over regimental rivalry. Two men were helping police enquiries.

Pit success

Miners at Creswell colliery, Nottinghamshire, have saved their pit by producing 18,000 tonnes a week since November. The mine, which employs 700, had been ordered to close after losing £600,000 during three months of poor output.

Damages claim

Maria Cossins, aged 36, of Thornaby-on-Tees, Cleveland, is suing North Tees health authority and two surgeons for £200,000 after having two babies in spite of two operations to sterilise her.

Pig attack

A Portsmouth woman aged 81, walking in the New Forest, broke her leg when knocked over by a pig at Lyndford Bottom, Hampshire.

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Hong Kong airport deal raises doubts on British sincerity

From JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

Major: meeting the locals in Peking yesterday

HONG Kong barely reacted yesterday to the signing in Peking of the Sino-British agreement on Hong Kong's multibillion pound airport, but showed more interest in Margaret Thatcher's admission that she felt guilty for not introducing more democratic reforms in the colony. Her remarks may prove embarrassing for John Major when he flies into Hong Kong today for what was expected to be a low-key two-day visit.

The normally volatile Hong Kong stock market hardly moved in spite of live radio and television coverage from Peking of a ceremony many said was reminiscent of the historic signing of the 1984 Sino-British joint declaration, handing Hong Kong to China in 1997 by Mrs Thatcher and the now disgraced Chinese premier, Zhao Ziyang.

Politicians said that the man in the street felt that the ceremonial signature by their successors, Mr Major and Li Peng, his Chinese counterpart, was aimed at audiences in China and Britain, rather than Hong Kong. They pointed out that for most people, the airport deal had been completed in early July when the "memorandum of understanding" was announced in Peking and London. Since then, the colony has returned with new confidence to business held up during the months that preceded the agreement as China attempted to assert its dominance over Hong Kong's decision-making process.

However, critics believe that the formal signing ceremony yesterday was more than just a mundane agreement on an infrastructure project, saying that it would prove to be a significant extension of Chinese control over the colony's affairs. The pomp in Peking's Great Hall of the People heralded what was effectively a new Sino-British treaty going far beyond the terms of the 1984 pact, they said. The memorandum allows China a say in the project and in Hong Kong's financial affairs before 1997.

Martin Lee, chairman of the liberal United Democrats of Hong Kong said that the memorandum was a violation of the 1984 agreement which promised no Chinese interference in Hong Kong affairs and a high degree of autonomy for the Hong Kong government in all matters except defence and foreign affairs. "I call it [the airport memorandum] the Sino-British joint breach of the declaration," he said, adding that he thought Mr Major would be signing it on bended knee. Mr Lee's party is expected to do well in Hong Kong's first limited direct elections to the legislature later this month, although the business community dismisses his pessimistic views, largely welcoming the agreement.

Despite Mr Major's promise yesterday that there was "no question of veto, condominium or joint administration" of Hong Kong by China, few people believe that Britain speaks with the colony's interests at heart. Local *leaders say that Britain is* merely trying to ensure its own withdrawal goes off without any embarrassing collapse in stability and prosperity before 1997. "We don't expect Mr Major to truly speak for Hong Kong people while in China," said Cheng Kai Nam, an election candidate backed by the pro-China federation of trade unions.

Mr Major is, however, expected to face hostile questioning from the media over the next two days over on his commitment to the colony's well-being following Mrs Thatcher's remarks in Tokyo on Monday. She had expressed disappointment at the limited polls on September 15 with only 18 of the 60 seats in the legislature open for direct election.

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Paying his dues: Peter Bean, the press officer for Downing Street, paying a 55p fine to a Chinese prefect for smoking inside the Forbidden City in Peking yesterday

President toes Hollywood line

From ROBIN OAKLEY IN PEKING

IN A meeting with the octogenarian president, Yang Shangkun, John Major heard a Chinese leader live up to the Hollywood stereotype by quoting Confucius. The philosopher apparently said: "It is a great pleasure to have friends coming from afar".

The Chinese leadership had a lot to be pleased about. A British prime minister had returned to Peking just two years after the outspoken British condemnation of the killings in Tiananmen Square. Mr Major is also the first Western leader to visit the men who sent the tanks in.

Mr Major, however, matched Confucian wisdom with what he claimed was a quotation from "a British philosopher" who had once declared: "If you travel a long way it must be worthwhile."

Earlier in the day Li Peng, the silky smooth Chinese prime minister's public smile had teetered on the edge of a smirk at seeing Mr Major. But the Chinese prime minister's smile was wiped away when Mr Major (getting in smartly this time before the press could be ushered out) said that he insisted on discussing human rights in China as well as Hong Kong's future and international affairs.

There then came followed an escorted tour of the Forbidden City, home of the ancient emperors. Mr Major's party inspected with interest the dragon throne once graced by Mings and Qings and slid across the marble floors to study the many elephant statues — symbolic, they were told, of the stability of the state.

Was it a happy omen for Hong Kong that Mr Major was finally taken through from the Hall of Supreme Harmony to the Hall of Perfect Harmony to finish in the Hall of Preserving Harmony? Then came a token opportunity to meet some potential Chinese free thinkers in the British embassy garden. Under the watchful eye of foreign affairs ministry minders, none were likely to depart from the narrow path of Chinese ideology. But one did reply when Mr Major asked him what he had brought back from Britain. "The idea of tolerance", he said boldly. Perhaps the journey was worthwhile after all.

Man in the news

Peking massacre leaves Li insecure

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

THE Chinese prime minister, Li Peng, the man John Major confronted over human rights yesterday, is still associated throughout the world with the brutal army repression of pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square two years ago. Now 62, he may one day be seen as China's Ceausescu.

Ever since 1989, there has been widespread speculation that Mr Li might be dismissed as a scapegoat for the massacre. That has not happened, but two new deputy prime ministers have been appointed, Zhu Rongji and Zou Jiahua, either of whom could replace Mr Li when his term as prime minister ends in 1993.

Alternatively, Mr Li could find himself out of a job as a result of a power struggle. He is believed to be supported by the aged conservative Chen Yun, who is critical of many of the senior leader Deng Xiaoping's reforms. Mr Li's position as prime minister could depend on whether Chen or Deng dies first; both men are in frail health.

Li: had no power to order the army to open fire

In spite of his tabloid reputation as "the butcher of Peking", Mr Li holds no military post, and could not have given the order to the army to open fire on June 4, 1989. Whoever did give that order, however, has kept a low profile, and it is Mr Li's defence of the massacre that has remained at the forefront of the minds of the Chinese.

In March, there was consternation in the corridors of power and delight in the streets when a poem published in the overseas edition of the official *People's Daily* was found to contain a coded attack on the prime minister. The poem, read diagonally, said: "*Li Peng resign, assuage the people's anger*".

The abortive coup and the subsequent collapse of communism in the Soviet Union must have come as a particularly hard blow to Mr Li. He is a Soviet-educated technocrat who, before June 4, 1989, was regarded by most Chinese as a rather grey bureaucrat. He gained political kudos because of the martyrdom of his father as a communist revolutionary and his adoption by the former prime minister, Zhou Enlai.

China warned over its trading status

Peking — China must release and account for dissidents arrested after its bloody 1989 repression of the pro-democracy movement or face problems with renewal of its preferential trade status with the United States, Nancy Pelosi, a US congresswoman, said here.

As the leading advocate for making China's most favoured nation trade status conditional on its human rights record, she said that congress could still vote in favour of attaching conditions. Peking says conditions are unacceptable.

Ms Pelosi, a Democrat, and a nine-member delegation are in Peking to press for the release of Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming, sentenced to 13 years each for allegedly organising the pro-democracy protests. They will try to visit Wang and Chen in prison, where family members say they live in filthy conditions. They had been on hunger strike since August 14, but Chinese reports issued recently say they have started eating again. The delegation will present a list of 1,000 political prisoners to the Chinese government and appeal for the release of all dissidens imprisoned for their involvement in the protests. President Bush argues that the removal of China's favoured nation status, worth billions of dollars each year, would hurt American businessmen trading with China. He wants to renew it unconditionally for another year. Debate on the most favoured nation bill is to resume when Congress reconvenes this month. *(Reuter)*

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Die-hard left refuses to buy the new consumer ideology

A new manifesto claiming that the liberal ideology cannot anchor a civilisation is a rallying point for socialism, **Charles Bremner** writes

Hall: predicts eventual return of bolshevism

NOW that Adam Smith has dispatched Marx, Lenin and their Radiant Future to the graveyard of ideas, what is an old-fashioned left-wing intellectual to do? The question has been running through the First and Third Worlds in recent weeks as the Soviet upheaval seems to have put paid to the utopian formula dreamed up a century and a half ago.

There are of course the diehards who see the communist collapse as one of those "reversals" sent to test the faith of true believers. That is the line to be heard on 23rd Street in Manhattan, the headquarters of the Communist Party of the Unites States of America. Gus Hall, the veteran party boss and confidant of Kremlin leaders from Stalin to Chernenko, emerged last week to predict the inevitable return of bolshevism, which he now forecasts for the middle of the next century.

Fidel Castro, still leading his proletariat in chants of "socialism or death", is insisting on the "scientific" correctness of true socialism. Less doctrinaire are the marxists of the Third World, notably Latin America, who regard the current triumph of the free market as something of an aberration linked to the specifics of Eastern Europe and the "distortions" of Russian imperialism. For intellectuals across Latin America, a region now dominated by elected governments but devastated by poverty, there is still a powerful attraction in the ideals of socialism and a belief in the inherent injustice of capitalist democracy.

In its more extreme form, these are still driving guerrilla movements such as the fanatical Shining Path of Peru. As Octavio Paz, the Mexican writer and Nobel prizewinner, put it: "The failure of communism to provide a satisfactory answer to society's questions does not mean that the questions are wrong."

Similar thinking can be heard from universities and left-wing parties across America and Europe, where the collapse of Russia's 74-year-old "experiment" has prompted far more relief than sorrow. Many in the Democratic party in the United States and the social democratic parties of Europe see the decks being cleared for new thinking in a new world order.

Joseph Nye, a professor of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, is one of many intellectuals to dismiss the triumphalism voiced in its sharpest form by Francis Fukuyama, the American intellectual who in 1989 pronounced the imminent "End of History". "Even though there is now no equivalent to American power and no real alternative to liberal democratic ideology, there is going to be a diffusion of power and ideas," the professor said in *The New York Times*. "In this sense, it's not the end of history but a return of history."

Mr Fukuyama, needless to say, ridicules the notion that socialists, or social democrats can now take the initiative and mitigate the upheavals that they see in absolute devotion to the free market. Modern capitalism accepts the notion of regulation, says Mr Fukuyama. If socialists now reject the principle of public ownership of the means of production, then "there is no meaningful sense in which socialism is different from capitalism", he said last week.

But the left believes that the right is now in danger of wandering off into its own utopianism, of a kind expressed by Mr Fukuyama's view that humanity has reached its ultimate stage of development, the "universalisation of liberal democracy as the final form of human government". Such thinking, says the left, ignores the forces already emerging in a world of consumer societies detached from any gods, either religious or ideological.

Many are now rallying around a book-length manifesto, *Millennium: Winners and Losers in the Coming World Order*, to be published next month by Jacques Attali, the president of the European Bank. Mr Attali, a member of the generation of intellectuals imbued with marxist thought, sees an ominous threat stemming from the fact that "the liberal ideology of consumerism and pluralism ... cannot anchor a civilisation".

A broad coalition, including the Pope, the Socialist International and Democrats, are arguing along similar lines. The Pope, for example, recently issued an encyclical that warned that the free market system, while praiseworthy, had no innate sense of morality and should be regulated according to humane values. But this view is rejected by the neo-conservatives who in the 1980s erected Adam Smith's ideas into an all-embracing ideology for ensuring social justice.

CONGRESS

Gorbachev's plan intact as deputies regroup

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

THE second day of the emergency Congress of People's Deputies was one for taking stock and plotting how to take advantage of new and shocking circumstances: the end of the Soviet Union as it has been known.

Among conspiracy-minded commentators there were nagging doubts about whether the many-headed beast was dead. Some thought Monday's declaration, signed by President Gorbachev and ten republic leaders, was a ruse to fend off calls for his impeachment.

Small voices condemning the president, for anything from precipitating the coup by poor staff selection to the superfluity of his post, could be heard from time to time, but any immediate threat seemed to have passed.

Another theory was that the declaration was a trick to retain central power. Its proponents pointed to the statement's vagueness about the longer term and insistence that the republics adopt a common constitution and sign the new Union Treaty.

But that theory, too, was wearing thin. Ivan Silayev, the Russian prime minister and chairman of the committee set up to co-ordinate government functions, said yesterday that it would hand over to the inter-republic committee on the economy within the week.

The 1,900 deputies who had heard Monday's declaration were in no doubt about its import. They knew how the Soviet Union would end: quietly, in voluntary liquidation, with the division of the remaining assets.

Some republic delegations and radicals were exultant, if tactfully so. Was this not what they had campaigned for?

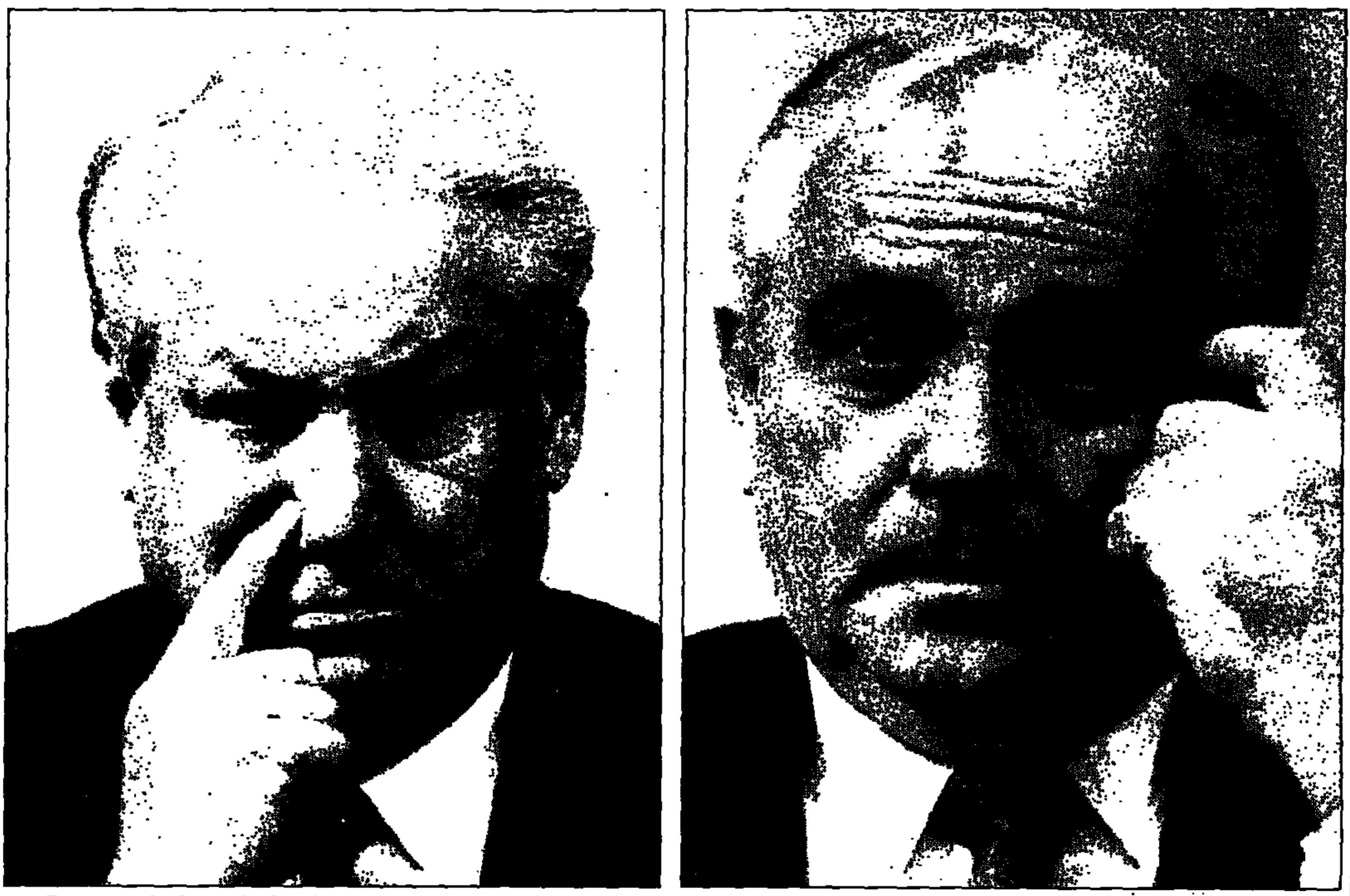
Conservative deputies were still seething. Despite an assurance that they could keep their salaries and privileges until their five-year term was up, they saw their power and status evaporating before their eyes. Aleksandr Zhuravlev, a communist from Belorussia declared: "Comrades, you have not fully understood ... what is the point of being a deputy of a country which no longer exists?"

There was also a body of disgruntled democrats, worried — so they said — about the constitution. Silent when Mr Gorbachev was under house arrest, the democrat-pedants tended to agree with the conservatives that the way the declaration had been presented had been a gross violation of the constitution.

This argument hurt Mr Gorbachev, and he offered a vigorous, but unconvincing, rebuttal, coupled with a sweetener. He conceded that the central parliament might remain in some form during the interim period, "meaning that we do not need to suspend any part of the constitution". His other concession would allow the autonomous regions of the Russian Federation to have one delegate each in the new administrative structure. This helped to lessen both their objection to the changes and answer Russian claims that Russia would be under-represented if it had only 20 delegates — the same as the other republics — in the interim council.

Otherwise — and quite extraordinarily — the "declaration of the president of the USSR and the leaders of the union republics" was intact. Each of its points would have been anathema to Mr Gorbachev before the coup. The declaration shows how much he had to sacrifice both to save his presidency and to retrieve a modicum of control over the process of disintegration of the Soviet Union.

Making news: congress deputies scan the papers


Fingers on the future: Boris Yeltsin, left, and President Gorbachev during the Congress of People's Deputies in Moscow. A proposal to dissolve the parliament was met with alarm. Some deputies called for the Supreme Soviet to be retained during a transitional period

UKRAINE

Abandoned party building yields secrets of power

From Robert Seely in Kiev

ALL 300 offices in the Ukrainian Communist party headquarters in Kiev are empty. The grandiose Stalinist palace of terror, built between the famine and the second world war, is empty apart from bemused militia officers guarding the building and city councillors busy discovering the secrets of what was the world's most powerful political party.

The councillors are proud to show off the building to foreigners. It has become their prize "scalp" from the failed coup that toppled the union and party structures. However, investigators are still trying to find their way around. A maze of tunnels which linked the headquarters to nearby ministries has not yet been fully explored and secret telephone installations are still controlled by KGB officers, whose loyalty to the council is questionable.

"We found the tunnels, but we don't know where they all lead to. We have also discovered some of the bomb shelters used to store archives but we have some way yet to go," said Leonid Skrypka, a member of the city council commission investigating the activities of the Ukrainian Communist party.

The tunnels very nearly served the nefarious purposes for which they were dug. During the debate on August 24, which resulted in the Ukrainian declaration of independence, communist deputies, trapped in parliament by the crowds besieging it, tried to leave through the tunnels and so deprive the supreme soviet of the quorum it needed for the independence vote. They were stopped by staff who knew where the connecting tunnels were.

The messages from Moscow's emergency committee, which implicated senior Ukrainian communists in the coup, were allegedly received in the soundproofed telex room on the second floor. Printed on the telex machines were the private codes for Communist party officers throughout the republic.

"Mir," — peace, the world — was the code for the Ukrainian central committee. The Communist party in the Crimea, where President Gorbachev was held, was "sail" while Donesk's code in eastern Ukraine was "lyre". The Soviet Communist party in Moscow, went by the codename "Olympus".

The telex room itself was old-fashioned and outdated by Western standards, not even the equipment was Soviet. A small metal plaque on one machine read, "Licence, Siemens." The writing was Polish. An ubiquitous portrait of Lenin hung on the wall above a Soviet flag.

● **Battling forces:** As Ukrainian politicians resumed their battle in parliament over the corpse of communism, Ukrainian Greek Catholic and Orthodox priests led an open air service in the square opposite parliament for crowds which had begun to gather from early morning.

Inside former communists, who still control most key positions, tried to stifle the momentum of political reform started in the republic by the abortive coup, as crowds outside chanted "independence, independence".

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THE BALTICS

Way cleared for UN membership

From James Bone in New York and Our Foreign Staff

BRITAIN and France asked the United Nations yesterday to accept the three Baltic states as its newest members. Diplomats said Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia wanted to join the organisation before the end of the year, and that the UN Security Council might decide to support their application before the end of this month.

The move came as the junior foreign office minister, Douglas Hogg, left for the Baltic states after an EC foreign ministers' meeting in The Hague yesterday, saying that Nato would not guarantee the states' frontiers. Mr Hogg said Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania had to develop relations with Moscow and the Soviet republics while protecting ethnic Russian minorities.

The Baltic states handed their request for UN membership to the visiting French foreign minister, Roland Dumas, last week. The application was transmitted yesterday to the UN Secretary General, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, by the French and British ambassadors at the UN after Britain and France agreed to work together to support the Baltic states' request.

The joint initiative was the first formal move to adjust the Soviet Union's representation at the United Nations since the failed coup last month. The new union plan drawn up by President Gorbachev and the leaders of 10 Soviet republics calls for all 15 former Soviet socialist republics to be granted UN membership. Two of those republics, the Ukraine and Belorussia, already hold a UN seat because of an agreement at the Yalta conference in 1945 to increase Soviet representation in the new world body.

Uncertainty continues to surround the future of the Soviet Union's seat at the United Nations, which entitles the central Soviet government to permanent membership of the security council and veto power over all key UN decisions. Diplomats said that simply renaming the Soviet Union would cause no problem at the United Nations, and that dual membership of the centre and the republics was possible.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lenin's niece defends memory

Moscow — Lenin's elderly niece, one of his last surviving relatives, defended the Soviet state founder's memory yesterday and denounced Moscow city council's decision to close the main museum on his life and works.

Olga Ulyanova, daughter of Vladimir Lenin's brother Dmitri, said in a letter to the Congress of People's Deputies that only a referendum could decide the fate of the large museum and his nearby mausoleum on Red Square. "The name of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin as a great figure of scientific-theoretical thought is recognised by all progressive people in the world," she said. Her letter was published on the front page of the daily newspaper *Pravda*.

Moscow city council, a radical body which considers communism and Lenin discredited, has decided to close the museum until its long-term future is agreed. The Central Lenin Museum, in Red Square, used to be the pre-revolutionary city assembly building. The council could also shut the mausoleum where Lenin's body is on view. *(Reuter)*

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Nato review

London — Nato chiefs of staff are to meet in Ottawa next week to review alliance defence strategy after the political upheavals in the Soviet Union. General Crosbie Saint, commander of the United States army in Europe, said Soviet instability, rather than Moscow's war machine, was now Nato's biggest concern.

Defence post

Kiev — The Ukrainian parliament has named General Konstantin Morazon, commander of the air force for the Ukraine military district, as the republic's defence minister. The new post is a first step towards creating a Ukrainian national guard, and controlling Soviet units stationed on Ukrainian territory. *(AFP)*

Envoys quizzed

Moscow — Four Soviet ambassadors have been summoned to Moscow to explain their actions during the coup, Vitali Churkin, the foreign ministry spokesman, said. "Perhaps more will be summoned later," he said. "Those accused of sympathising with the coup." *(AP)*

Treason charges

Moscow — The Russian prosecutor-general charged four more senior officials with treason following last month's foiled coup, Tass reported. They included the collective farm chief, Vasily Starodubtsev, and Valentin Varennikov, the former head of the Soviet land forces and deputy defence minister. *(Reuter)*

Break overruled

Moscow — Azerbaijan rejected as unconstitutional Nagorno-Karabakh's decision to declare independence from the Soviet republic. The mainly Armenian enclave, where 800 people have died in ethnic fighting in the past three years, and the Shaumyan district to the north made their declaration on Monday. *(Reuter)*

Turkish link

Ankara — Turkey has recognised Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. A foreign ministry statement said that the break of the Baltic states from the Soviet Union was only a restoration of their pre-war independence. Turkey's ambassador to Moscow is to visit the three Baltic capitals at the earliest opportunity. *(Reuter)*

Spectre of anarchy raises its head as old certainties disappear

From Michael Binyon in Moscow

Uncertain future: the mood in Moscow hovers between hope and despair

MOSCOW hovers between hope and despair. The failure of the coup, the humiliation of the hardliners and the disillusionment of the Communist party have given many people a previously unimaginable vision of freedom and renewal. At the same time, the virtual collapse of the government, the constitutional vacuum, and the lack of any clear authority, have raised the spectre that throughout history has held a peculiar terror for Russians: anarchy.

The violence of the reaction to Boris Yeltsin's ill-judged remarks on Russia's borders shows how brutal is the accord between the myriad ethnic groups, how closer to the surface nationalist passions run. Many have come to accept that the old union has to be dissolved. But they view with alarm the nationalist demonstrations and resort to violence by minority groups in the republics. Russians are particularly fearful that the splitting of the union will cause a backlash, especially in central Asia.

One woman, whose family has lived in Tajikistan since tsarist times, spoke of her fears of Islamic fundamentalism that many see rolling across the southern swath of the country. "My parents have lived all their lives in Dushanbe and now are old. Will they become refugees here in Moscow?" she asked.

Many fear the economic consequences of fragmentation. Will the Ukraine still sell grain to Russia? Will Uzbekistan stop growing cotton and switch to vegetables, will the better quality consumer goods of the Baltic republics be exported to the West?

The likelihood of swifter moves to privatisation and a dismantling of the command economy have raised new anxieties: how will we be paid now? One diplomat reflected wryly on the likely moves towards making the rouble convertible: "Those who are earning around 300 roubles (£300 at the official rate) will find, taking the real market conversion rate, they are getting only about $11 (£6.50) a month."

For the past two years, frustration has been the dominant reaction as phoney liberalisation and grudging half-concessions to individual initiative merely fuelled the black market and compounded the shortages. But with inflation running at 140 per cent and prices set to rise again, millions of pensioners see only misery and speak of little else. All the old certainties are gone. A ride on the Moscow metro that costs five kopecks for as long as most can remember, now costs 15 kopecks. The price of buses, trains, electricity and gas have all shot up. More and more things have to be bargained for. Russians see their currency as increasingly valueless and the fight to lay hands on precious foreign currency grows ever more frenzied. Ironically, it is the trade sector that has the most to lose by moves to privatisation. For years, shop assistants have wielded extraordinary influence by being able to put aside for special clients all the necessities, that they have used to bribe others and jump the queue for privileges and access to goods in short supply. With the advent of competition, they see their power undermined. Many were among the strongest supporters of the putschists, who promised to halt moves to the market system.

All this compounded the fears of a harsh winter ahead. The chaotic distribution system, the poor harvest and falling production of food, along with all other production, is likely to exacerbate normal shortages. Some people dismiss this as rumour-mongering or worse by the KGB in an attempt to sow discord and discredit the reformers.

Against this, however, must be set the signs that reform is bringing some change. Joint ventures with Western companies have begun to change the face of the city. The prices may be beyond the average person, but they have set new standards of cleanliness and organisation.

Above all, there is optimism that the mould has been smashed and with it the last vestiges of repression. No one expects the KGB to disappear overnight. But its decapitation and the disgrace of the party have changed the atmosphere. People are now willing to try almost anything. Discussion goes on but it is not just talk. Now it seems the future of the country really is in the balance.

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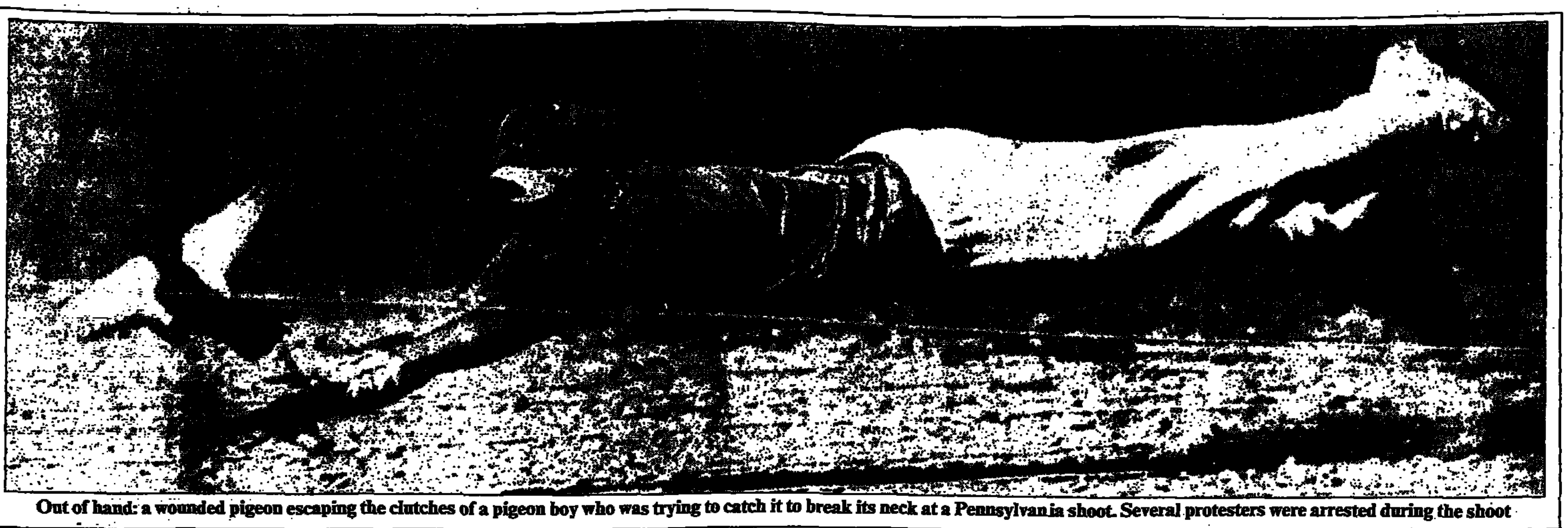
Feathers fly at pigeon shoot

POLICE in Hegins, Pennsylvania have arrested scores of animal rights activists who tried to disrupt an annual pigeon shoot on Monday by waving placards and shouting slogans.

Each year shooters come to fire at 5,000 pigeons as they fly out of holding boxes. Local youths catch wounded pigeons and break their necks. "I think this is such an atrocity that it is worth almost anything to stop it," Patrick Sullivan, one of the protesters, said. *(AP)*



Out of hand: a wounded pigeon escaping the clutches of a pigeon boy who was trying to catch it to break its neck at a Pennsylvania shoot. Several protesters were arrested during the shoot

Ministers call on Carrington as Yugoslav peace deal founders

EC ceasefire efforts prove futile in town on firing line

From ROGER BOYES IN PETRINJA, CROATIA

IN WHAT appeared to be a tragic tableau, two men lay inert against some sandbags in this smouldering Croatian town. Their weapons were stacked to one side and a half-eaten sausage on a metal plate testified to a recent lunch.

Suddenly one of the apparent corpses moved; then the other followed suit. Shamefaced, the young Croat guardsmen admitted that they had been fast asleep. It had been a hard day, and a tense night in the town, which has the distinction of shooting to *pieces* the latest ceasefire negotiated by the European Community. Yesterday, only a few cats dared to cross the square. Everybody else stayed underground, or had moved out before dawn.

Petrinja, 38 miles southeast of Zagreb, lies in the firing line because it marks the contours of a future greater Serbia. The EC-negotiated ceasefire was supposed to have ended the rival territorial claims, but neither the Yugoslav army nor the Serbian regulars feel the brunt of Western pressure. Petrinja, sadly, highlights the futility of the EC's efforts.

The Yugoslav army claimed that Croat guardsmen had launched an unprovoked attack on their barracks on Sunday night and they had merely returned fire. The army's firepower knocked a hole in the supermarket, destroyed a once scenic town centre, blew up trucks and knocked down a church steeple. Martin Stasniak, the Croat police chief, denied yesterday that the Croats had provoked the attack. "That's a blatant lie," he said.

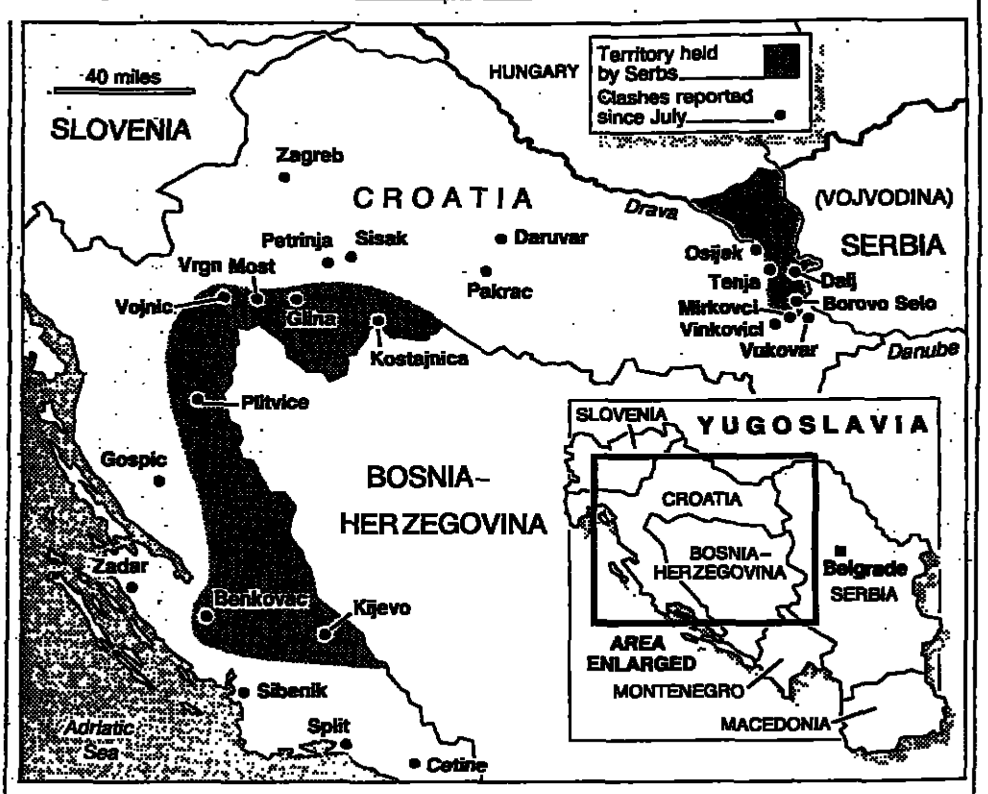
The two guardsmen tried to piece together the events. "They started to shoot big stuff," *said* Branko, an architecture student. "Then came planes to see where we were all holed up," said Stijpan, his younger brother. "And then the tanks came — boom, boom — some dead."

Stijpan was vague about the number of casualties. Yesterday morning the Croatian interior ministry reported that 40 civilians were killed in the village of Berak in eastern Croatia. But officials in Zagreb admitted that they could not confirm the toll. A week ago to prove that they were winning the war, both sides played down the casualty rates. Now to emphasise their status as victims there is a large *imaginative component* in the body count.

The first suspicion this week about the ceasefire violations was that they were borne out of a desperate anger by the Serbian Chetnik irregulars, who had not been consulted in the EC peace process and who had not signed an agreement. Now, however, it seems that at least some army garrisons are determined to carry on the fighting. Trigger-happy Croat guradsmen also share part of the blame. In this heated climate it is impossible to enforce a ceasefire at one go.

Jeljko Kacin, the Slovene information minister, summed up the situation yesterday: "This is not a rational war — *otherwise* churches would not have become targets. Even the European monitors realise now that what they imagined to be a federal state of Yugoslavia is in fact a farce."

● **Belgrade:** Anton Kikas, a Croatian-born Canadian businessman was fined nearly $1 million (£595,000) for attempting to smuggle *18* tons of weapons into Croatia last week in a Uganda Air plane, the government said. The arms shipment was also impounded. Mr Kikas told investigators that the weapons had been bought for the Croatian government. *(AP)*



Man in the news

Negotiating skill put to test

By JOHN WINDER

LORD CARRINGTON, who established his reputation as a reconciler of apparently irreconcilable factions when he rid Britain of the Rhodesian impasse, is now presented with an even greater opportunity to resolve the insoluble.

The European Community has called him from his desk at Christie's to use his skills as a peace-broker in the Yugoslav imbroglio. Earlier this summer Margaret Thatcher's first foreign secretary was nearly given the unenviable task of presiding over efforts to reach a new Anglo-Irish settlement. After the judgment of EC foreign ministers yesterday that he was the best man for the job, his highly-prized negotiating skills are to be brought into use again.

It once seemed likely, after the Argentine invasion of the Falklands, that he would be *remembered as the last minister* to resign from a British government on a point of honour. But Lord Carrington's international reputation was assured by a distinguished term as secretary-general of Nato from 1984 to 1988.

Carrington: reconciler of irreconcilable factions

Mrs Thatcher gave him the trickiest job in British politics when he became her foreign secretary and tackled Rhodesia's unilateral independence. Lord Carrington is a convinced European and would have preferred his years at the Foreign Office to have been remembered more for *progress in that sphere.*

His image as one of the old-school of politician rests on a career that began in local politics after Eton, Sandhurst and the Grenadier Guards. Peter Carrington farms in Buckinghamshire but has always had wider interests. The sixth Baron Carrington, he has held many government and *Opposition* frontbench *posts* in the Lords, including that of Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition. Those roles call for some of the urbanity and restraint he will need in the intractable Yugoslav dispute. He has always evoked respect in the Lords; many there regret that Mrs Thatcher never tried to persuade him to return to office.

Under the Macmillan government in the 1950s, he left ministerial office to be Britain's high commissioner in Australia for three years, but that distance did not prevent him regaining political office, at the Admiralty.

When he resigned from the Foreign Office, Mrs Thatcher called him a sturdy and bonny fighter for Britain. In later years she was less pleased when he urged that the EC should take on a defence role.

He was chairman of GEC for a time and his many posts in public life have included chairmanship of the Board of Trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

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Wizard of Elysée finds his magic works no spells

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

NOBODY in French politics understands the art of survival better than President Mitterrand, whose career provides ample proof of his remarkable staying power and resilience.

In ten years at the Elysée Palace, he has seen off every rival within his party, marginalised the Communists who helped him into power, and played havoc with the mainstream conservative leadership. But as the French return to work after long weeks on the beaches, M Mitterrand's *personal popularity is sliding* even faster than that of the minority Socialist government. Under relentless attack from all quarters for his handling of the attempted coup in Moscow, he is looking vulnerable, an ageing leader stuggling to cope with the pace of change.

The vehemence with which Mitterrand loyalists are turning on *critics* merely underlines how shaken the Elysée was by the response to the president's two television appearances during the failed putsch. It was not just that he seemed to accept the installation of a new and illegal regime, or that he initially failed even to mention Boris Yeltsin's role in events: as damaging was the impression that his judgement, once so assured, had finally deserted him.

For French conservatives, this was another failure by M Mitterrand to grasp the true nature of the revolution in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. German unification, the Polish frontier question, recognition of the Baltic states: on each issue, it was argued, the Elysée reacted too slowly, too cautiously. In *Le Figaro's* phrase, "time, his old ally, is betraying Mitterrand".

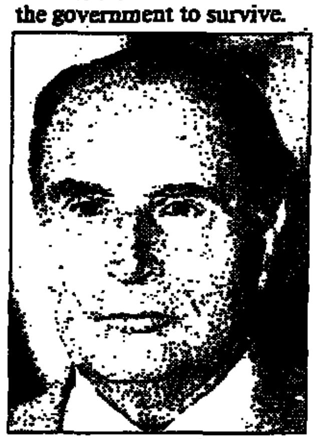
The Elysée's counter-attack was immediate and noisy but unconvincing, led by a cabal of trusted advisers who, one suspects, are the last people to tell M Mitterrand the hard *truth about what the French* are really thinking. Fawning speeches like those delivered by Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, and Roland Dumas, the French foreign miniser, to a gathering of Socialist party faithful earlier this week near St Tropez hardly serve the beleaguered president well.

Public concern about immigration and ghetto tensions, rising crime and rising unemployment do much to explain the present disenchantment with M Mitterrand and the government. Yet it is in the field of foreign affairs, more specifically the promotion of the image and interests of France, that M Mitterrand is most critically judged.

Over the past few years, his lack of interest in the everyday *business of government* has been evident since the Socialists regained power in 1988, while his taste for striding the world stage has developed apace. So much of French foreign policy bore the stamp "Made in the Elysée" that there was nobody else to blame when things started going wrong, culminating in the mishandled coup.

On past form, M Mitterrand is never so dangerous than when he seems to be on the ropes: his term does not expire until 1995, and few in France would bet against him completing it. Opinion polls show time and again that he remains the most *"présidentiable"* politician in France.

Yet the Socialists face an uncertain general election in 1993 with gloomy economic forecasts and the feeling that they are failing to transform France as once promised. The turmoil within the French Communist party may also threaten the parliamentary alliance that has so far enabled the government to survive.



Mitterrand: sliding down the popularity stakes

Mandela fails in amnesty appeal

Johannesburg — Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, has failed to persuade President de Klerk to grant amnesty to three right-wing prisoners believed to be near death after 58 days on hunger strike (Ray Kennedy writes).

After a two-hour meeting in Pretoria, the ANC president said that he and Mr de Klerk had "serious differences" on everything that they had discussed. But he added that he did not expect their differences to affect the negotiation process on which much progress had been made and they had agreed to meet soon.

The discussions followed a visit on Monday to the three hunger strikers. Henry Martin, Adrian Maritz and Lood van Schalkwyk face charges of murder and attempted murder after bomb attacks.

CIA in limbo

Washington — The CIA is leaderless, directionless and, with the Soviet Union imploding, has been robbed of the foe that was its principal raison d'etre. William Webster has retired as its director and Senate confirmation of Robert Gates, President Bush's nominee to replace him, hangs in the balance.

Nuclear retreat

Sofia — Bulgaria has begun shutting down part of its Kozlodoy nuclear plant in response to international concern about safety hazards. The government agreed two months ago to close the two oldest units at Kozlodoy in return for promises of international aid. *(Reuter)*

Paper back

Singapore — Singapore is to allow the *Asian Wall Street Journal* to issue 2,500 copies a day in the republic from next month. Singapore slashed its circulation in 1987 after a dispute over a securities market article. The newspaper later stopped circulating in Singapore because of press laws issued last October. *(Reuter)*

Pioneer dies

Washington — An American aviation pioneer who took part in the first round-the-world flight has died, aged 94. Major-General Leigh Wade was a test pilot in the Army Air Corps in 1924 when he was picked as one of four pilots to fly around the world in military biplanes. *(AP)*

K2 conquered

Islamabad — The world's second highest mountain, K2 in Pakistan, has been conquered from the north ridge for the first time. Two Frenchman, Pierre Beghin and Cristophe Profit, were making their third attempt on the 28,250ft peak without oxygen or ropes. *(Reuter)*

Stamp scrapped

Santiago — France has agreed to withdraw a postage stamp that showed Easter Island as *part* of French Polynesia, said Enrique Silva, the Chilean foreign minister. He said that the French ambassador had told him that France was not challenging Chilean sovereignty over the island. *(AFP)*

Hopping mad

Adelaide — Brewery workers are furious about plans by a South Australian brewery to end their right to two free glasses of beer during their breaks. Three of the four unions at SA Brewing Holdings voted to ban overtime at the Adelaide brewery after the company said it would end the 50-year tradition. *(Reuter)*

Saudi coast ruined by oil slicks

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

LARGE stretches of the coastline of Saudi Arabia have been polluted "beyond repair", according to scientists from Greenpeace and two Saudi organisations.

In some places, oil has penetrated a foot into the sand. In shallow bays, the oil has formed a sticky coating consisting of oil, bacterial slime and rotting *algae, and it* reaches above the high water mark and *into* salt marshes. Corals and seagrass beds have apparently escaped immediate damage, but there have been reports of damage to shrimp and other fisheries. The shrimp fishing season was delayed for eight weeks because the fish were too small. Dead *fish have* been found floating off Bahrain.

Paul Horsman, the co-ordinator of the Greenpeace mission, said yesterday that *during three* weeks in Saudi Arabia they saw only 50 imported labourers attempting to clean a beach using shovels and barrows. The clean-up programme set up by the International Maritime Organisation, after Iraq flooded Kuwaiti refineries during the Gulf war, is winding down because of lack of funds.

Egyptian television focuses on Islamic dress dispute

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE uphill struggle against Islamic fundamentalism in Egypt, the most populist Arab nation, has spread from the mosques to the television screen.

In a move that has prompted diplomats to speculate that the government is running scared, the state-owned broadcasting corporation has intervened to stop female announcers from wearing the Islamic veil in front of the cameras. Three presenters have been disciplined for wearing the *hegav*, the half veil that leaves much of the face uncovered and television employees claim that a witch-hunt is under way.

Ahmad Zain, editor of the religious organ of the ruling National Democratic party headed by President Mubarak, declared in a column that those presenters who try to cover their heads (one admitted she wore a wig as a compromise) will be "well rewarded by God".

The dispute over the Islamic dress code follows vain efforts by the authorities to reverse the switch towards the veil inside Egypt's universities, the traditional breeding ground of those who want the government to adhere strictly to Islamic law. Many students have gone further than the *hegav*, and wear the more stifling *neqab*, which covers all the face apart from the eyes.

Facing conflict: veils are worn despite tough codes

Mr Zain said: "We say of those who declare war on the *hegav* on television: you will not be able to resist its spread. The *hegav* is becoming more widespread every day. Many people have tried to put out the light of God, but they stood helpless and God fulfilled his mission."

Although the extremists number only about 150,000 in a population of 55 million, their influence has been increasing in spite of draconian emergency laws. Cynical *Egyptians opposed to the laws* claim that many poorer young women have turned to the *hegav* because it saves the expense of hairstyling in an economy where public-sector wages are as low as 80 Egyptian pounds (£13) a month.

At the other extreme, a number of fashionable bou*tiques have opened to sell* stylish female clothing which adheres to Islamic calls. "You still want to look nice but not sexually provocative," explained Sara, a Cairo university student aged 23.

Ironically, the battle of the veil on the small screen comes at a time when only a limited number of Egyptians will be able *to receive the American* Cable News Network legally for the first time under a plan reluctantly approved by the government. Unlike Saudi Arabia, where viewers were allowed to see an edited CNN service during the Gulf conflict several hours after it was first broadcast, officials claim that the relay in Egypt will be immediate and will include references to Israel and even images of immodestly dressed women.

Growing shadow of Aids darkens Pacific paradise

Grim warning posters have suddenly appeared in the nations of the south and central Pacific. They are plastered on shop fronts in hospitals, bars, dance halls and community centres.

Here in Kiribati, for*merly the Gilbert Islands*, they show an emaciated man sitting on his own tombstone, while his wife and children weep in the background. "Stick to one partner" is the advice in the Micronesian language.

Aids has arrived as a grim spectre in this paradise of 20 or so coral atolls and volcanic outcrops which are the nations and territories of the Pacific. The first case in Kiribati, a country of just 72,000 people, was announced last *month: a man tested pos*itive after giving blood.

There is a public demand for him to be named, even that he be quarantined. Dr Tetaua Taitai, secretary of health, said the man would be protected.

In Tuvalu, formerly the Ellice Islands, there are radio jingles about Aids. In both countries, free condoms are available in pubs, dance halls, stores and hotels. In a Protestant church in Funafuti, the Tuvaluan capital, a young woman sang hymns recently wearing a T-shirt decorated with two animated condoms, one saying to the other: "Let's hit the town tonight but take me with you."

Such T-shirts are being given away in anti-Aids campaigns. Foreign medical experts in the region say Aids could devastate the Pacific Island nations. "In the past, a procession of whalers, slavers, traders and soldiers sowed havoc in these islands with measles, smallpox and sexually transmitted diseases," said a foreign specialist.

In the Marshall Islands, one doctor said: "The problem is the majority of girls here lose *their* virginity at 13. Promiscuity is part of the culture, but a major change in sexual habits will have to take place if we are to beat Aids." Tony de Brum, an MP, said: "A few Aids cases would bankrupt us, just in terms of taking care of them."

Kiribati and Tuvalu have stricter sexual habits, but both nations send young men abroad to serve on foreign ships. There are 1,200 men from Kiribati and 300 from Tuvalu, whose total population is only *9,200, on merchant* ships. The prime minister of Tuvalu, Bikenibeu Paeniu, said: "We are promoting an aggressive anti-Aids campaign. The world is getting smaller and we are very much exposed to this risk."

Reported cases in the Pacific are still relatively low. Only 83 cases of full-blown Aids had been reported to the World Health Organisation, with those infected with the HIV virus estimated at about 200 in *eight Pacific countries.*

But medical experts worry that the real figures in the Pacific are much higher. The New Caledonia-based South Pacific Commission points to particularly high rates of gonorrhoea in the Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and Papua New Guinea, and that syphilis is a major problem in French Polynesia, the Marshall Islands, New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea.

JAMES PRINGLE
IN KIRIBATI

Tracking the criminal mind

Fictional detectives are always trying to work their way into the criminal mind. Soon a university course will teach police to trace serial offenders in this way. **Alice Thomson** reports

Sherlock Holmes did it, Hercule Poirot did it, even Jodie Foster did it. Any detectives worth their salt, it seems, will use mind games to track down their criminal. Now a hundred years after Holmes first tried to work his way into the mind of a culprit, a course is being set up to look into the science of criminal detection.

Aimed at police officers and criminal psychologists, the MSc in Investigative Psychology at Surrey university will be the first course of its kind in the world. Psychologists will teach detectives how to track down serial killers, rapists and other offenders by studying "behavioural fingerprints". Students will be taught to build up a profile of the personality, emotional and mental make-up, habits, domestic situation and probable appearance of a criminal from the way he or she carries out a crime.

David Canter, a professor of Applied Psychology at Surrey university, is the mastermind behind the MSc, which will start in 1992. He developed a technique for tracing serial offenders, particularly killers and rapists, which has been used to trap some of Britain's worst criminals in more than 40 investigations. Taking minute clues from the scene of the crime, he can build up accurate portraits of the attackers.

His first significant success was in helping the police to capture the "railway rapist" John Duffy, who prowled London's railways with his "laser eyes" in the 1980s. Using location, timing and method, Mr Canter's team built up a description that matched Duffy, one of 1,999 suspects, on 13 points, including the fact that he had a rocky and childless marriage, an interest in martial arts and did semi-skilled work. Police were then able to tail and arrest Duffy, who is now serving a life sentence for five rapes and three murders.

Professor Canter was working as an environmental psychologist, advising on the design of workplaces and industrial safety, when the police asked him to look into the behavioural patterns of people involved in the King's Cross and Bradford fire disasters. "I got into conversation with senior police officers at Scotland Yard and we realised that we could probably use scientific psychology to solve criminal cases as well," he says.

Professor Canter is quick to dismiss the "myth of the detective as hero" which is, he says, "about as realistic as the Hollywood portrayal of the cowboy. Our students will be backroom men producing a scientific portrait using applied data. They will not be proceeding on a whim and a gun."

Professor Canter, aged 47, certainly does not look like a Hollywood detective. A pale, willowy man, he is obviously more at home with his books than with a gun and is at present incarcerated in his cottage opposite Surrey's police headquarters in Guildford writing a book about his techniques.

He believes the postgraduates' work will be invaluable. "Profiling has the potential to contribute to radical changes in police detection. By using computers to link up cases, we can establish general patterns and a set of rules and by using the science of psychology we can take the data by the throat and let it speak to us. It is no use having DNA matching and subtle laser techniques if the rest of the investigation is conducted in the same haphazard way as in Jack the Ripper's time."

Many police detectives use some psychoanalysis in their work but Professor Carter wants to establish systematic principles. "The way in which most detectives learn their trade is by working with other detectives. We want to give them a proper system."

Professor Canter believes that this scientific approach will explode another crime myth: "The media often portray serious offenders as highly intelligent crafty people but our developing theory shows them to be limited people," he says.

He is sceptical about the way in which another training establishment for investigators, the American FBI Academy, has been portrayed, most recently in the film *The Silence of the Lambs*.

"They have been developing profiles for ten years at their behavioural science unit but their course is open only to FBI students and they spend as much time on physical education as theory," Professor Canter says. "Ours will be the only serious academic course." His unit's expertise has been acknowledged in many countries and at the moment he is working with the Canadian police on tracing a serial rapist and killer.

Taking the example of the murder of a prostitute, Professor Canter explains how his system differs from traditional police procedure. "The old way to tackle it would be by carrying out interviews with acquaintances and holding house-to-house enquiries and car checks in the area. The police would produce a mammoth list of potential suspects and then eliminate them slowly. I call this the 'blunderbuss approach'. If enough people are working on it there is a good chance of something significant being picked up. But it is very time consuming and expensive.

"Our approach is to work on the act itself. We look at the nature of the wounds, where the body was left, if theft was involved and how the victim was treated. If we had the data on previous prostitute cases we could see if there were any patterns emerging. It would be less expensive and time consuming." Ideally, he says, an amalgamation of the blunderbuss and his new approach would be used.

Although the police are happy to use his system (five police forces already have officers training in his unit), lawyers are less likely to rely on the evidence of a psychologist. "The lawyer's view of the psychologist dates from about 1870," Professor Canter says. "They are loath to rely on us whereas they will use an eyewitness account, which is often far less reliable, as hard evidence."

Professor Canter does not purport to be able to prevent the crime in the first place. "That is up to the social services. You can't go around trying to spot potential serial killers in advance and lock them up. You have to try to improve their circumstances so they will be less likely to offend."

Some are still inclined to dismiss psychologists as people who analyse dreams and phobias, he says. "But we can help in so many spheres. If chemistry and physics were the sciences of the 19th century and biology the science of the 20th century, I think psychology will definitely be the science of the 21st century."

SALLY SOAMES

Mastermind: David Canter's new technique uses minute clues to build an accurate portrait of the offender

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&BRIEFLY

History lessons

FOR a fee experts will research the history of your house. Now you can learn to do it yourself at the Hurstone Country Hotel in Somerset, which dates back to the Domesday Book. Experienced researchers, including Somerset's deputy county archivist, Robin Bush, and Keystone Historic Building Consultants, will share their knowledge at two autumn seminars.

John Bone, Hurstone's proprietor, decided to organise the seminars after delving into the hotel's history with the help of Family Faces of Axminster, Devon (0297 34738). Family Faces will participate in the seminars. The weekend courses are on October 19-20 and November 16-17, and cost £155 per person for each weekend, including dinner, bed and breakfast plus Saturday lunch. Locals may attend on a session-basis only, from about £17.50 per person. Further details from the Hurstone Country Hotel, Waterrow, near Wiveliscombe, Somerset (0984 23441).

Silent night

THE snorer in your life may find the Snore Stop pillow, available from the new Littlewoods home shopping catalogue, an ideal gift. The pillow, at £29.99, cushions the head at the ideal angle to prevent the air passage from being obstructed — provided the sleeper's head is in the right position on it, of course. For a free copy of the catalogue ring Freephone 0800 616611.

Hot seat

THE Polychrome Chair, designed by John Russell-Sanders for the Victoria & Albert museum's new catalogue, is an unusual self-assembly chair. The 59in-tall chair has a tapering back and comes in turquoise, red, yellow, green and orange stained "non-endangered timber". Mr Russell-Sanders, a student at Hooke Park College, the centre directed by John Makepeace for the integration of forestry and manufacturing in Dorset, said he wanted to produce "a piece of furniture that provokes comment and stimulates discussion". The chair costs £145, and the catalogue is available from V&A Enterprises, Harrington Dock, Liverpool X, L70 1AX (051-708 7383).

Best jersey

ARE you reluctant to cast off a favourite cashmere sweater because it has a hole in it, has begun to pill, has lost its shape or no longer suits you? The Cashmere Clinic, opening on September 16 at 11 Beauchamp Place, London SW3 (071-584 9806), will offer a range of restorative services, with mending and alterations from £20, washing and "redressing" from £15. These services will also be available by post. The shop will be open 10am-6pm, Monday to Friday.

Bloomers

A SINGLE anthurium can make a spectacular display, and a combination of exotic tropical flowers makes a good alternative to the conventional bunch of English roses. Magnolia Variations, a Surrey-based company run by Barbara Martin, imports tropical blooms fresh from the Caribbean five times a week. The smallest pieces start at about £15. For further details or stockists contact Magnolia Variations, 11 Tudor Drive, Kingston, Surrey KT2 5NN (081-549 8211).

Level answers

MORE than 1,000 calls a day are being received by the Nintendo Hotline, set up at the beginning of the year to answer questions from enthusiastic fans of the full and pocket-sized console games. Questions such as: "Where is Level Seven in the First Quest of the Legend of Zelda?" (answer: "Go to the fairy pond that doesn't have a fairy …") are being asked by players aged six to 60, the company claims. The telephone number, which is charged at ordinary rates, is 0329 822662, and the line is manned from noon to 8pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm Saturday.

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Bodies and minds fed

Some councils, believing packed lunches to be less healthy, are behind a swing back to hot school dinners

Packing a child's school lunch is the bane of every working mother's life. Should you give in to your child's latest stomach-churning food fad; how do you keep the meal nutritious; and how do you keep it fresh?

Now, however, the day of the curled sandwich might be over. Despite the 1980 Education Act, which declared local authorities no longer had to provide school meals (with the exception of free lunches for the children of those on low incomes), there appears to be a swing back to the cooked school lunch.

This summer, Hammersmith and Fulham council launched its Dinners for Winners campaign to add to the 10,000 or so children who elect to eat school lunches rather than bring packed lunches. Westminster council put catering for meals in its schools out to tender. But why are councils wooing children — at a national average of 69p to £1 per meal — when budgets are paramount?

A spokeswoman for Hammersmith council says it is trying to keep down the cost of school dinners: "The more children who use our service rather than bringing their own from home, the more cost-effective we become. Anyway, pupils need a hot meal."

Jane Naish, of the Health Visitors' Association, says the temperature of a school meal is irrelevant: "The important point is whether it is nutritional or not." Cold meals such as green salads tend to be less nutritional, because hot meals are more likely to contain meat, she says.

Nationally, the pattern of school lunches is an unappetising hotchpotch. Although all 66 metropolitan councils provide cooked meals, children have the option of bringing packed lunches. County councils are patchier: none of Dorset or Buckinghamshire's primary schools offers cooked lunches (unless it is for those eligible for free meals). Somerset, Hereford and Worcester, Lincolnshire and some London boroughs only cook for certain schools. In the independent sector, cooked school meals come with the curriculum (and the fees), although smaller schools rarely carry the canteen choice of the state system.

So why are children subject to such a mixed political platter of councils? Maggie Tiltman, of the Local Authority Caterers' Association (Laca), which represents caterers employed by schools, puts it down to priorities. "Some local authorities now believe that undernourished children cannot learn," she says. "Packed lunches are inadequate compared with our balanced, subsidised meals. Parents do not realise what children do with their packed lunches. They swap them, sell them, or bin them."

Mrs Tiltman's own teenage children have a cash cafeteria at their Gloucester secondary school: "They spend £1 each a day and there is an excellent, competitive choice, even for my daughter, who is a vegetarian." There does not appear to be a guide to Britain's best school lunches, although if there were Salford might well receive a four-star rating for effort. To avoid the prunes and custard image, it ran a competition this summer for the tastiest and most nutritious school menu.

'Packed lunches are inadequate compared with our balanced, subsidised meals'

But what do parents make of all this? And what do children prefer? Maureen Lloyd from Bexley, Kent rises at 6am to make Ben, her nine-year-old son, a packed lunch, even though his school also provides cooked meals as an option. "I'd prefer him to have a hot meal, but at least I know he'll eat this way. Ben's favourite is a Marmite/cheese sandwich, crisps, cheese and biscuits plus a sugar-free drink (that is my influence)." Bexley education officials send a selection of menus to every home each term.

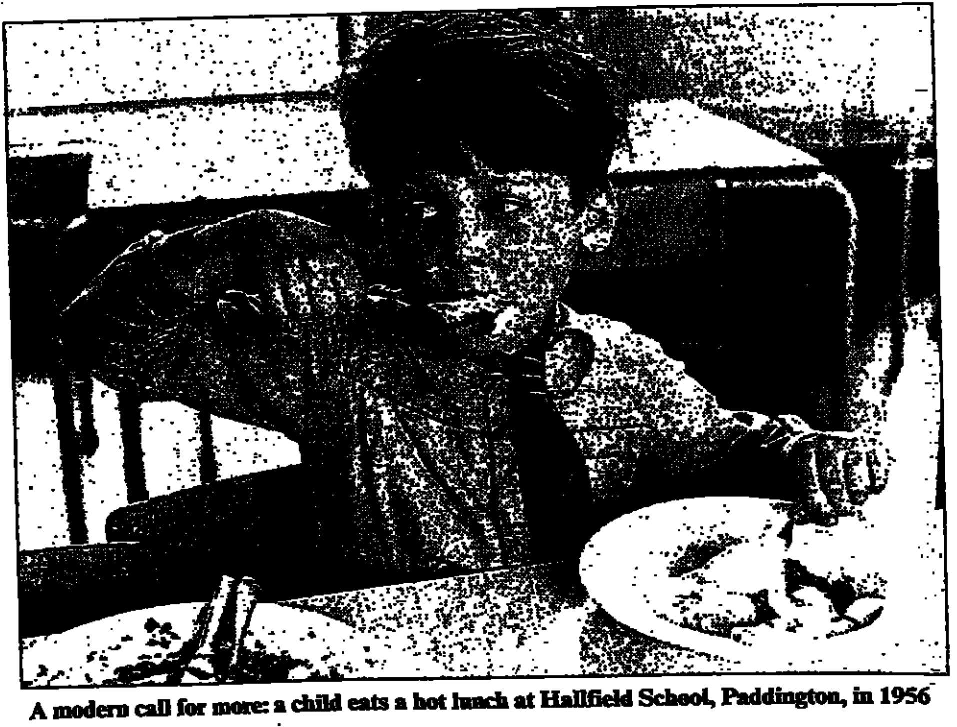
Parents whose children *have* to take packed lunches discover there is a strong element of one-upmanship in their contents. Marion Calcroft, of Buckinghamshire, is emotionally blackmailed into giving her children, Christopher and Rebecca, crisps and bars of chocolate each because if not they are "the odd ones out among their friends".

Earlier this year the London Food Commission published a survey of lunchbox favourites by Nottingham university showing that, out of 417 children, more than two-thirds brought crisps; less than half had fruit; and nearly a third indulged in chocolate.

Schools that do not provide meals impose a burden on single parents, according to Gingerbread, the association of single-parent families. It claims the loss of a school meal represents an income drop of up to £5.50 per child a week, since that is what a parent will spend on hot evening meals. Philip Windle, a 38-year-old father from Milton Keynes, recalls that when he was bringing up his ten-year-old daughter, Samantha, single-handed, he could "only afford plain sandwiches: fruit and crisps were a treat".

Neither state nor independent schools admit to pressuring those who do not relish the menu. Mrs Tiltman says: "Staff are trained in gently encouraging reluctant eaters by asking if they would like to try a quarter portion 'just to please me'."

JANE BIDDER



A modern call for more: a child eats a hot lunch at Hallfield School, Paddington, in 1956

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LITERATURE

Tomorrow is another pay day...

A new novel continuing the story of *Gone With the Wind* is to be published this month. Nicolette Jones has chapter and verse on the booming business of sequels to bestsellers

Frankly, they don't give a damn about sequels: Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in the film of Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind*

On Wednesday September 25 you may bump into Scarlett O'Hara at Waterloo Station. Or at least a reasonable facsimile thereof, because the publishers of the sequel to Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind* have declared that publication day is to be "Scarlett Day", and have employed Scarlett and Rhett lookalikes to hand out badges at Waterloo and Euston, declaring "Tomorrow is here at last". They will also hand out copies of the novel that finally reveals whether Scarlett ever *did* "think of some way to get him back". The revelation is so sought-after that there have been break-ins at the warehouses holding copies of Alexandra Ripley's *Scarlett*.

Warner Books paid $4.5 million (£2.67 million) for world rights and, like Vivien Leigh, Ripley had to compete for the chance to take on Scarlett. Publication will be on the same day in half a dozen countries, of which New Zealand, by a trick of the time zones, will be the first. The book will go on sale there at a *Gone With the Wind* ball, as the clock chimes midnight. In Britain the same thing will happen in Covent Garden at Books Etc, which will stay open into the small hours. On September 28 another theme ball will be held in Nottingham in aid of the charity Birthright, whose patron is the Princess of Wales. The British publishers, Pan Macmillan, hope she will be there.

This may be the most famous literary sequel ever. But is it worth all the hullabaloo? Publishers may see an opportunity for profit in following up books that have been hugely successful (*Gone With the Wind* has sold 28 million copies), but is there any guarantee that sequels sell as well? And are they ever as well written as the original? Is it good for the industry, or for literature?

The publishing industry loves to build on success; books that sell well naturally spawn imitations. The huge sales of Gollancz's *Green Consumer Guide*, for example, gave rise to a welter of ecological advice — not least Gollancz's own spin-offs. During the past few years, publishers got excited by the discovery of *Nature Notes of An Edwardian Lady*, another (earlier) notebook by the phenomenally-successful author of *The Country Diary of An Edwardian Lady*. Not only publishers but authors, too, perceive in follow-ups an opportunity to get rich. One editor reports that the success of Peter Mayle's Provence books has led to more authors' submissions suggesting anecdotes about France this year, than suggesting any other subject.

The same thing is bound to happen in fiction. The *Gone With the Wind* sequel is not the first of its kind. In 1968, Kingsley Amis was asked by Ian Fleming's copyright holders to write a new James Bond book because, it was said, "when Ian Fleming died, before his time, James Bond was too popular to be allowed to go with him". Amis's *Colonel Sun* (written under the name of Robert Markham) was well received and stayed in print for a dozen years. Hodder, the company that now handles all of Ian Fleming's books, saw an unexploited opportunity for sales and is about to reissue *Colonel Sun*. It will surely have a double appeal, since Amis is such a big seller in his own right.

'Extracts published in the United States give a foretaste of Mills & Boon-style sex scenes'

After Amis, the thriller writer John Gardner took on the James Bond inheritance, and has now written 11 Bond books, which outsell the (albeit popular) novels he continues to write outside Fleming's sphere. In some countries — notably America — the books also outsell the original Bond books written by Fleming himself (probably, says his agent, because the sequels "are less sophisticated"). Most sell around 100,000 copies there in hardback, and not far short of half a million in paperback. Fleming has sold 75 million copies worldwide; Gardner has sold some 100 million.

Bantam publishes a series of adventures of Sherlock Holmes's "corpulent younger brother, Mycroft", by Glen Petrie. Sherlock loiters in the margins, and the bulk of sales are to Conan Doyle fans and members of the Sherlock Holmes Society. (The latest, *The Monstrous Regiment*, will be out in paperback in December.)

Robert B. Parker, whose stories of private eye Spenser owe a debt to Raymond Chandler's influence, recently carried on from the first four, unrevised chapters of Chandler's *Poodle Springs*. Some felt that the weakest part of the finished product was the opening, which was Chandler's own rough work. Parker, meanwhile, felt so comfortable in Chandler's old clothes that he went on to write a sequel to *The Big Sleep*, published earlier this year. Again, Parker is a name in his own right; the popularity of such a sequel owes as much to him as it does to Chandler.

Sometimes the sequel writers are complete unknowns, which begs the question of whether sequels are simply lucrative sidelines for authors who would not otherwise be published. Sometimes, too, the temptation to cash in on a name when the name is deceased has led publishers into questionable territory.

HarperCollins, the publishers of adventure writer Alistair MacLean, brought out MacLean's outlines for movies "novelised" by the similarly-named Alastair McNeill, at the instigation of MacLean's estate. The jackets read "Alistair MacLean's *Red Alert*" (in large letters) "by Alastair McNeill" (smaller). The publishers argue that, after all, the plots are the most important part of an Alistair MacLean novel. A case, brought by trading standards officers, has been referred to court.

Meanwhile, HarperCollins took umbrage at the action of another publisher, Simon & Schuster, which published what purported to be a posthumous novel by HarperCollins's big seller, Virginia Andrews. HarperCollins had refused to buy *Dawn* at the going rate for a new Virginia Andrews because it had been "completed" from sketchy notes by somebody else. Simon & Schuster bought the book, and published it with Andrews' name on the cover. Inside the book was a caveat explaining that it was written "in the tradition of Virginia Andrews" and offering dissatisfied readers a refund. Trading standards officers are considering whether to take the case to court.

There are sequels, however, that justify themselves on literary grounds alone. When Jean Rhys filled in the gaps in *Jane Eyre* by imagining the history of Mr Rochester's mad first wife in the attic, she produced a partly autobiographical novel, *Wide Sargasso Sea*, that did not depend for its success on Charlotte Brontë's reputation. Quite apart from its lasting acclaim, it won three literary prizes in the year of publication. Angela Carter is taking a similar approach with a novella that takes up the story of Mr Rochester's ward, Adela. It will be published in 1993, a Carter book rather than a Brontë footnote.

Which sort of sequel *Scarlett* turns out to be remains to be seen, although the extracts published in *Life* magazine in the United States give a foretaste of Ripley's Mills & Boon-style sex scenes. Even the author admits she is not of the stature of Margaret Mitchell. Nevertheless, the book will surely do well, helped by the fact that Warner Brothers have bought the sequel and are planning to film it. After all, what most admirers of *Gone With the Wind* fell in love with was not Margaret Mitchell's prose but Vivien Leigh's green eyes and Clark Gable's quizzically raised eyebrow.

BRIEFING

Adlon on top

A FILM starring Canadian country singer k.d. lang in her first screen role has been named best film at the Montreal Film Festival. *Salmonberries*, by the German director Percy Adlon (who also made *Bagdad Café*), is a tale of love and the search for identity which shifts from Alaska to Germany and back. In it, lang plays a half-Inuit, half-white 20-year-old who never knew her parents. Special Grand Prix of the jury went to *Nord*, directed by France's Xavier Beauvois, while Best Director went to Italy's Maurizio Nichetti for *Volere Volare (I Want to Fly)*.

New Dickens

THE Everyman theatre in Cheltenham is marking its 100th birthday with the world premiere of Charles Dickens' *The Pickwick Papers*, adapted for the stage by Ellis Jones and directed by Martin Houghton. The anniversary — October 1 — will be celebrated with a Victorian street fair, followed by a gala performance of *The Pickwick Papers*, which continues until October 26.

Last chance...

Miriam Margolyes: a self-transformer

SHE may wear a pyjama suit with a top seemingly cut from flowery green curtains and trousers that once covered a glossy pink sofa; but in *Dickens' Women* Miriam Margolyes is able to transform herself into a baleful Miss Havisham, a dainty Miss Chirrup, a fragile Miss Flite and even Miss Mowcher, the raunchy dwarf in *David Copperfield*. Final performance at the Duke of York's (071-836 5122) on Sunday.

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THEATRE

Rare and poetic visitor

Few Australian plays come to Britain and, as Jeremy Eccles reports, the latest to do so is actually by an expatriate American writer

Marshall-Stoneking: he identifies with both Ezra Pound and Australia

The number of Australian plays which have had seasons in London this century can probably be counted on the average complement of fingers. Kenneth Tynan and Laurence Olivier patronised the ex-colony in the Fifties (and brought *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* over), while the Royal Court spotted a renaissance in the early 1970s, and borrowed plays by Williamson and Buzo. But only David Williamson has persisted in the West End, and others such as Stephen Sewell and Michael Gow have sneaked in on the fringes. Now, a new Australian play (backed by the Holmes à Court Foundation), is being tried out at Islington's Old Red Lion, with the West End beckoning.

What makes Billy Marshall-Stoneking's *Sixteen Words for Water* different from the usual Australian offerings is its international dimension. Too many Australian plays are written only for local audiences, whereas *Sixteen Words* takes a worldwide literary figure, Ezra Pound, and looks at both him and, peripherally, Australia, through the vision of an American-born playwright, who identifies closely with both his subjects.

Billy Marshall-Stoneking, 44, left the United States at the time of the Vietnam war when he was in his early twenties (as Pound had earlier left for Europe), to teach in rural Australia. He subsequently spent four years in Papunya, home of the now-famous Aboriginal desert dot painting, where he ran a bilingual literature centre.

"I learned their languages and their ways," Marshall-Stoneking explains, "and I would still be there, but I did not want to become indispensable . . . and I was paid far too much. I felt like the English in India. But association with Aboriginal culture has to be the future for all Australian art."

Subsequent literary effort by Marshall-Stoneking was in the fields of performance poetry and television scriptwriting. But while he was penning an angry speech to a script-writer's conference, Marshall-Stoneking found the words emerging with the insistent certitude of Ezra Pound's 19th century preacher-man monotone, heard on recordings of *The Cantos*. His interest aroused, he was led to write the play by the discovery of Pound's passing references to Aboriginal Australia in the *Pisan Cantos*, which were written while the poet was under military arrest on a treason indictment at the end of the second world war.

The play takes place 12 years later, in St Elizabeth's Hospital for the Criminally Insane, the Washington mental institution where Pound was incarcerated, rather than having to face trial (and possible execution) for giving comfort to Mussolini during the war. Though continuing to write and hold literary court, the play's Pound is challenged to break his public silence by declaring himself sane, and face trial. When this option is denied him by his release, memories of the Aboriginal Wandjina recur: ancestral beings who created everything on Earth by speaking its name, but had to be stopped by the gods who removed their mouths, lest they create more than the Earth could bear.

In other words, the bird who could not sing while he was caged, would choose silence even when released. "Sincerity — not saying anything unnecessary — is the ultimate virtue," Marshall-Stoneking quotes his subject as saying. And muteness was increasingly the stance that Pound took during the last decade of his life.

While this publicly unexplained decision lies at the heart of the three-handed *Sixteen Words For Water* (putting an enormous weight on the London Pound, actor Tom Georgeson), much else is canvassed. It is impossible to ignore Pound's "treason" and its related anti-Semitism, although Marshall-Stoneking's main sub-plot concerns Aboriginal attitudes to land: (native) nomad contrasted with (white) nomad.

This is complex and demanding material. But, finding humour in the main character's wry, dry aphorisms; employing metatheatrical games that put the audience in the position of psychiatric snoopers; and interweaving the poetry of both Pound and Marshall-Stoneking, the recent Sydney premiere aroused great excitement.

● Sixteen Words for Water *is previewing at the Old Red Lion, St John Street, London EC1 (071-837 7816) and opens on Friday.*

TELEVISION REVIEW

Parable revives unlikely villain

Among the many excellent things about John Mortimer's 1985 series *Paradise Postponed* was the fact that it carefully (almost wilfully) left no room for a follow-up. This compellingly watchable series was essentially a mystery story — why did the Reverend Simeon Simcox (Michael Hordern) bequeath his estate to the loathsome Leslie Titmuss MP? — but it also offered historical sweep and terrific character-parts. At the end of the series, the viewer could sit back satisfied, knowing that the mystery had been solved (the Rev was the secret natural father of Titmuss's wife, Charlie) and that *Paradise Postponed* could never be *Paradise Postponed Revisited*, because, with great panache, Mortimer had prodigally killed off all the interesting characters.

Yet here, miraculously, is a follow-up. Thames/ITV's **Titmuss Regained** (a nonsensical title, surely?) is a three-part parable ostensibly concerned with conservation politics, and it centres (as it must) on the single memorable *Paradise Postponed* character not requiring resurrection from the dead. In *Paradise Postponed*, Leslie Titmuss (David Threlfall) represented the frozen, unacceptable face of Eighties Toryism, snatching power from the old traditionalists who distributed tea and blankets at Christmas. In *Titmuss Regained*, he is now a Secretary of State, a halting, besuited widower with abruptly greying temples and a permanent expression combining distaste and affront, like someone who has just been forced at knifepoint to stuff rotting fish up his nostrils.

Threlfall's performance is as extraordinary as before; although to say that the screen virtually blanks out each time he leaves it is unfortunately more a reflection on the poverty of the rest of the production. Titmuss is contemptuous, hooded-eyed, vindictive: he staggers visibly under the weight of a giant chip on the shoulder. News of the classless society has evidently failed to reach the jokily-named ministry of Housing, Ecological Affairs and Planning (*H.E.A.P.*), where Titmuss holds sway. The point about Leslie Titmuss is that, despite his power, he can still be laughed at by well-bred liberals for not knowing that *Un ballo in maschera* is an opera. This makes him (in John Mortimer's eyes, anyway), a bit of an oik. Put it this way: would you trust this man to pour champagne properly?

Last night's first episode rattled along nicely, covering lots of ground. Titmuss met a prospective second wife, Jenny Sidonia (Kristin Scott Thomas) at an Oxford lunch-party, and whizzed through a courtship so implausibly successful that it was reminiscent of Richard III wooing the Lady Anne. Meanwhile, at H.E.A.P., he learned of a proposal for a new town that would lay waste the idyllic Rapstone Valley, home of his youth and site of his mother-in-law's former country seat, which he now owns. Is he sufficient of a hypocrite to decry "not in my back yard" public attitudes while at the same time thwarting the planners who threaten the view from the drawing-room? We shall see.

What is strange about *Titmuss Regained* is that it seems not to know about the recession in Britain. One wonders whether the Rapstone pressure groups (trite stock characters all, by the way) really need to bother their heads. If one is determined to enjoy *Titmuss Regained*, then, one had better concentrate on the love interest and the snobbery.

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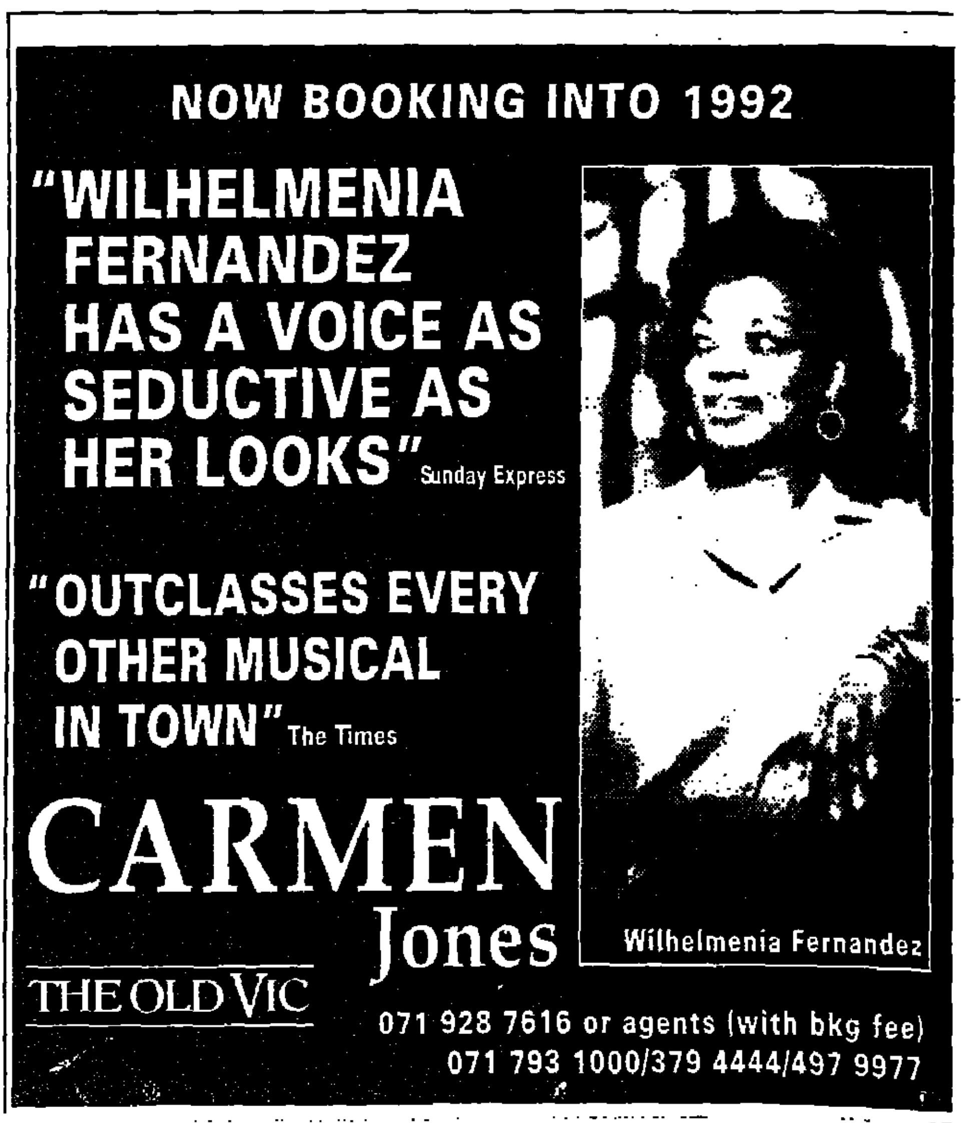

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Philip Howard

Now you can look up to what you used to look up in

Three new dictionaries will hit the bookshops and window displays this month: the latest edition of Collins, the Oxford Encyclopaedic (with proper names and sometimes pictures as well as simple words), and the new Longman (the lexicographers' dictionary which has never quite caught on with the general public as much as its generous size and scope deserves). Lexicography is one of the few growth areas in the generally jejune publishing scene. There seems to be no saturation point in this area of our word market. No self respecting household these days can afford to be without the latest wizard word book.Our passion for the latest word on words would have astonished Dr Johnson.

What can it mean? Samuel Johnson, James Murray and the other founding word fathers would have raised a shaggy eyebrow and a dry quip about the ephemerality of the words that are deemed worthy of inclusion in our new dictionaries: Gazza, Pavarotti, Kate Adie, Scud missiles and (Nicholas Ridley's contribution to English letters) Nimby. But it is a dictionary's job to record words (and in encyclopaedic dictionaries those names as well) that are current and are likely to have a reasonable lifespan. Computers, floppy discs, and the new techniques of publishing have made dictionary-making easier and quicker. So has the sheer profusion of sources, and cribbing from other men's wordlists and definitions, though it rouses odium philologicum even to suggest such plagiarism.

Market research, for what little it is worth, indicates that the most common use of a dictionary is the most trivial: to look up how to spell a word, but I think our generaton loves its dictionaries as a spurious source of certainty in a rapidly changing world. We want to be told the right answers to puzzling questions, witness the popularity of games such as *Trivial Pursuit* and *Scrabble*, and television quizzes in which contestants win temporary celebrity and undesirable household objects for answering dumb questions.

Giving definitive meanings of words and prescriptive usages is not what lexicographers are for. Their academic discipline is to record the shifting language and its vocabulary as it is actually used. This is a job as hard as measuring public opinion or catching a falling star. But our lust for being told what is what, and what is correct, dammit, has forced even the pure lexicographers to do a bit of prescribing. These days they attach warning labels to words to indicate that they are dodgy or offensive in some contexts, or that a particular usage is disapproved of by fanatical linguistic Roundheads. What these John Bulls, such as the Prince of Wales, actually know is that the English they were taught at school is the best, and that any change to it is immoral. Their problem is not the decay of grammar, but existential uncertainty.

As well as our passion for certainty, it is possible that we buy dictionaries as we buy the Bible and diaries: not to read, but as a lifestyle accessory, to demonstrate that we care. This is the kind of belief in sympathetic magic shown by children who sleep with their textbooks under their pillows before an exam. Whatever the reason, three cheers for our zeal for words. Let a thousand flowers bloom. That we like textbooks about English is a good sign, whatever our reasons for buying them.

Peter Stothard meets the Virginian governor who may run for president against the popular incumbent

Can Wilder fill the niche?

Guides to the mock Roman temple which houses the government of Virginia already point out "Wilder's niche" in the hall where the eight past US presidents from the state are honoured. There are still a few days left before Lawrence Douglas Wilder will even announce his decision about whether to run for the White House next year. It would be one of the biggest sensations in American history if he ran and won, but Virginians like to think presidentially. A space for just one more bust remains in the marbled walls alongside Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Woodrow Wilson. Why, they ask, should "the chief" not try to move in?

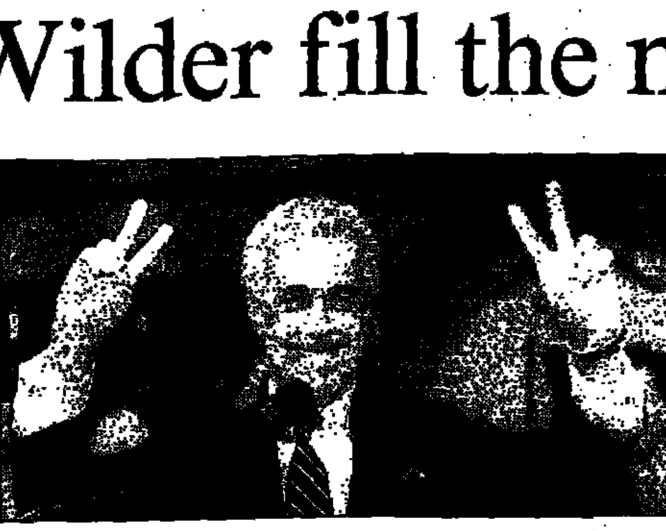
The man who in 1989 became the country's first elected black governor agrees. "There's nobody out there that, in my judgment, has any great strength," he told me, spearing his Democrat rivals as though with a a silver fork from his small cluttered desk.

It is hard to argue with that. Four years ago, seven candidates were kicking each other to pieces for the privilege of defeating President Reagan's heir. Today there is only one, former Massachusetts senator Paul Tsongas, and his best kicking days are past.

Others will probably join him soon. Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas offers Kennedy-like youth, but may have spent it in too many Kennedy-like activities. He says he will not answer such questions as "Have you ever committed adultery, smoked marijuana, or beaten your wife?" Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa will beat the drum of the old-time left. Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska is tempted. Governor Mario Cuomo is biding his time.

At 60,Douglas Wilder is poised to go. I asked him why he had not already announced. He had to make sure, he said, that the Virginian economy was on course. He did not want to be destroyed, like Michael Dukakis in 1988, by claiming a false miracle. But how, I asked, would he know any more this month about Virginia's 1992 unemployment than he did in July. He would not, he admitted, but "I've got to be certain that I don't give the appearance that I'm throwing the state's business away by running for president."

He has to protect his home base. He cannot allow himself to be shot from behind his own lines. There is not yet any national "draft Wilder" movement, as he readily conceded. He is confident, however, that campaign money and support will come when required. His slogan – "fiscal responsibility with compassion" – is not snappy, but it does address the common fear that America is spending its way to economic disaster while neglecting the education and health of its people.



Wilder: about as threatening as an old aunt

Being black, Wilder believes, will help him cut out the spending which the country cannot afford. "I can stand in a group," he says, "and say 'Listen, I'm not speaking against your efforts, because I'd be speaking against mine.'" As a grandson of slaves, he feels he can cut waste where others fear to look. He can also say that "the civil rights movement had its chance but didn't move with the times".

A favourite target is the bureaucrat who leaches off the public purse in the name of helping the poor. He likes to hunt for "driftwood", making unannounced patrols along the corridors of those departments where "they arrive at eight, have a break, look at a paper, have a coffee; make a few calls home to make sure the children got to school, and drift on through the day".

Governor Cuomo said recently that America was looking for a president who would not be "threatening". This criterion, he thought, would rule out a candidate from any racial minority. Governor Wilder disagrees, and he is helped by his image, particularly on television. Although a much tougher infighter than Jesse Jackson, who is unlikely to run, he appears about as menacing as an old aunt.

This summer he has been attempting to de-fang himself further. When our conversation turned to his bitter feud with Virginia senator Chuck Robb, he airily pushed responsibility for rows over illegal tapes and rumours of drug parties to the nearby office of his chief of staff, who wanted, he said, to be "secretary of revenge".

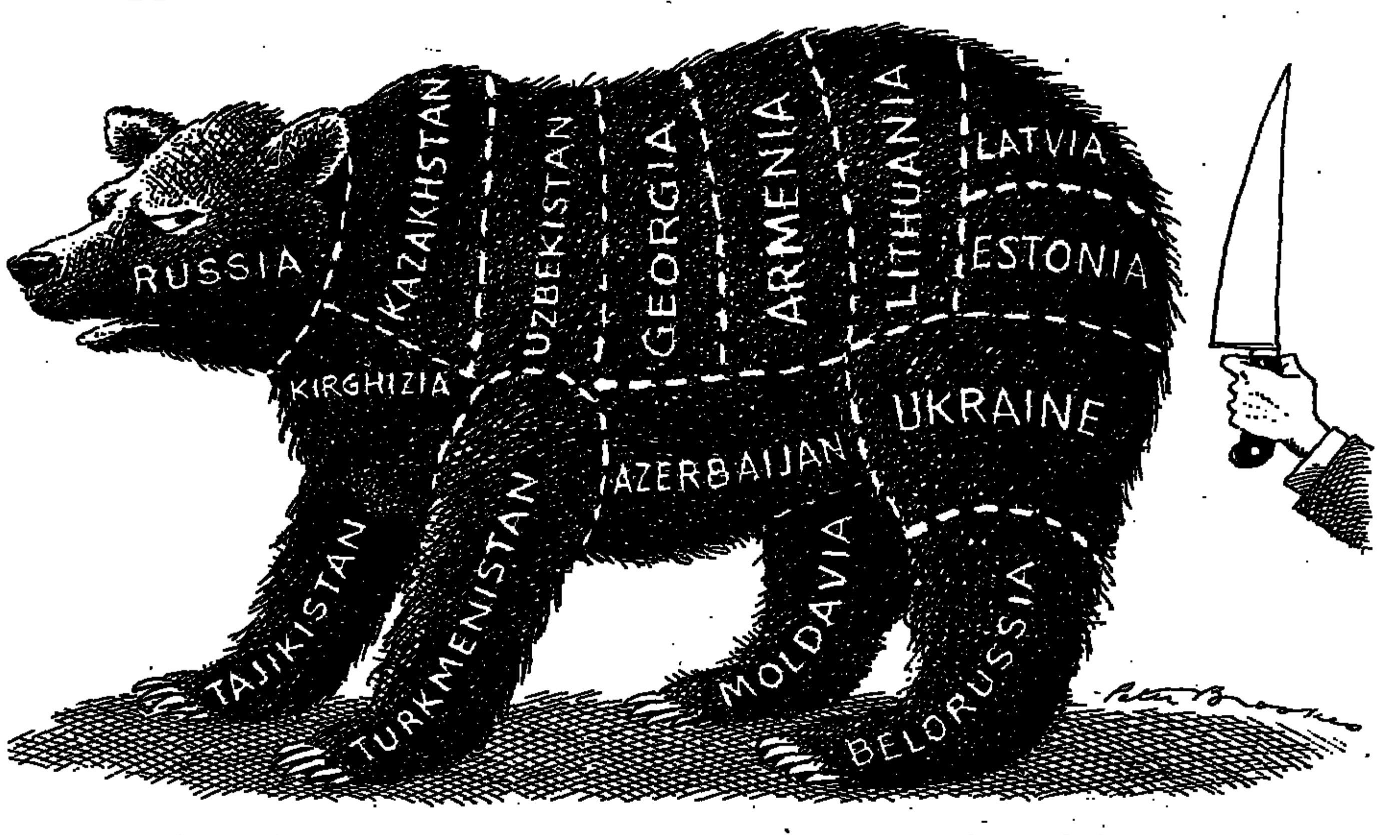
He showed anger only when asked about racial employment quotas, the issue which he believes Mr Bush is prepared to use, as he used released murderer Willie Horton, to frighten white voters and make prejudice respectable. "I don't think Bush's advisers know what they are getting into," he says. "This quota issue has to do with the fabric of this nation. It's very powerful, but it will send politics back to the days after the civil war."

Douglas Wilder will fight hard to become the first black president. He has little to lose. A Virginia governor cannot serve a second consecutive term. If he performs decently even as a vice-presidential candidate, he will be well placed in 1996.

As a man who feels he has always had to fight for access to political clubs, he revels in the shortage of senior Democrats in this one. "When I first entered the Virginia legislature," he recalls, "no one gave a damn about me, and all I could do was to see how much of their legislation I could kill. Today what is amazing is that there isn't any group. You're free to compete and no one can lock you out."

Breaking up is not hard to do

Ethnic wars and famine will follow if the Soviet Union disintegrates, predicts **Conor Cruise O'Brien**



Secession is catching; not just today in Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union, but generally in history, including the history of the British Empire, which died of the infection. It is true that the first great secession in modern history – that of the 13 American colonies – was not immediately followed by other secessions. Yet there were significant moves in that direction. After Yorktown, the second Rockingham administration granted "legislative independence" to Ireland, despite the serious misgivings of Edmund Burke. And India, in that same period, was kept within the Empire only through the prodigious and ruthless exertions of Burke's great enemy, Warren Hastings.

Within the Second British Empire, the process of disintegration set in in 1886, with Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill. The Indian National Congress was founded in that same year, with the Irish example in mind. The same Home Rule Bill also evinced a problem that has plagued other secessions, and is at present plaguing the secessionists of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia: the secession-within-secession.

Just as ethnic Serbs would like to secede from an independent Croatia, and ethnic Russians from every independent republic of what last week's Russian-Ukrainian agreement called "the former Soviet Union", so Ulster Protestants manifested their will to secede from a Home Rule Ireland with a Catholic majority.

The threat of secession-within-secession may just hold together large parts of the old Soviet Union, although the break-up of Yugoslavia seems unavoidable. As the dangers of civil war loom larger, the most important Russian is clearly having second thoughts. In the immediate aftermath of the failed coup, Boris Yeltsin was behaving like a tsar, claiming a role as protector of Russians in other republics, Russifying all-Union institutions on Russian soil, and treating Mr Gorbachev with contempt.

However, Mr Yeltsin retreated from most of that with surprising speed last week. The claim to protect the ethnic Russians was dropped (or ostensibly dropped) and "temporary" agreements were concluded with Russia's neighbours, the Ukraine and Byelorussia. Mr Yeltsin and Mr Gorbachev seemed to have realised that they need one another (at least for the moment). At present both seem to want an orderly transition to a confederal arrangement, with close economic associations: ideally (but rather improbably) along the lines of the old European Economic Community (with emphasis on the Economic).

In the circumstances, I thought John Major struck the right notes during his visit to Moscow. He spent equal time with Mr Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin, and gave a quiet warning that "the International Monetary Fund should not be presented with 15 separate economic programmes from the 15 republics". No doubt that approach was agreed with President Bush at Kennebunkport. It is a sensible approach and it has behind it the weight of American history, or at least of what modern Americans think of as their history. Secession is for most Americans one of the dirtiest of political words. They forget that their own declaration of independence was an act of secession: that term is generally used only of the unsuccessful efforts of the Confederate States.

According to the dominant American tradition, holding a great union together is a good thing. This week, President Bush retreated from his general pro-union position sufficiently to recognise the independence of the Baltic republics, but he clearly hopes the rest of the Soviet Union will not follow those examples.

However, secession is catching. Whatever one may think about the relevance of such analogies, the present Western policy of trying to slow down the pace of disintegration in the Soviet Union is clearly right. There is a serious threat of multiple wars, general breakdown of communications and famine. Both Mr Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin – the latter belatedly – seem to realise this danger, and to be now seeking to avert it. As long as they persist in these efforts, they deserve all the help we can give.

But I am afraid that the chance of them suceeding is not very high, however much the West supports them. The dynamics of secession and secession-within-secession have a cruel momentum of their own, which is now far advanced in what I fear has been rightly called "the former Soviet Union". There are millions of angry people in every republic, and anger seeks short-cuts. Leaders who seek to exert a moderating influence over angry people risk losing whatever influence they have.

Disintegration of an empire consisting of a great continuous landmass is likely to be much more destructive than the disintegration of a widely-dispersed overseas empire. Ethnic rivalries, more or less subdued in time of overall stability, become inflamed in conditions of insecurity. In the case of "the former Soviet Union", the most explosive factor is probably the presence of large Russian minorities in each republic.

Mr Yeltsin has withdrawn his spokesman's intimation that the Russian Federation might press for a revision of its boundaries to accommodate these minorities, but he can hardly hope to keep in check the rising expectations of ethnic Russians not far beyond those borders. The agreements between the Federation, the Ukraine and Kazakhstan may be vulnerable to internal ethnic pressures within the latter two. If Mr Yeltsin is thought to be "abandoning" these people, he may himself be vulnerable to rising Russian nationalism.

Where there are large Russian minorities close to the border with the Federation, local coups might be staged with the object of forcing Moscow's hand. The suppression of a Russian insurrection by the authorities in Kiev or Alma Ata, could set in motion a major civil war, with the Soviet military breaking up into its ethnic components.

Secession is catching, and seems to be growing into an epidemic in the former Russian empire. The epidemic began in the province-nations that were occupied by the Red Army in the closing stages of the second world war. It then spread to the province-nations annexed by Stalin in 1940. Now it is sweeping the whole of rest of the former empire. In the earlier phases, secession meant liberation, with good prospects for democracy. But the epidemic of secessions and counter-secessions that now threatens the rest of the empire may be no less destructive than the plague itself.

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ALAN COREN

I have just been sent a glossy leaflet for something the sender believes I cannot do without. It is called the EZ Read Jumbo Rain Gauge.

It is not called that because its sender is EZ Read. If it were, I might be better disposed towards it; you could quite warm to a bloke who had invented a jumbo rain gauge and wanted his name on it. Even to a bloke called EZ Read Jumbo who had invented only an ordinary rain gauge, although you might wish to be on your guard against his double-barrel: it smacks, somehow, of charlatanism, pork-pie titfers, suedette car-coats, bogus regimental cravats – you might suspect that old Read Jumbo had not invented this rain gauge at all, merely bought up a cheap Korean job-lot and put his name to it in the hope of cozening meteorology's more gullible snobs into waving goodbye to £11.95.

EZ Read, however, is not a person at all, it is a feature, and that is why I am not disposed of it; especially as Jumbo isn't a person, either, it is another feature. I would never buy anything which smirked that it was eazed to read, and, on hearing it was also jumbo, I should probably try to get my hands around the salesman's throat. Almost everything on sale these days is jumbo, and it would do the sellers no harm to look up jumbo in their dictionaries and learn that it derives from mumbo-jumbo. On second thoughts, it might do them a great deal of harm, which just shows how much better second thoughts may sometimes be.

Leave us now address the nub, via its leaflet's limpid Flogspeak: "This jumbo-sized rain gauge should become a real conversation piece! Calibrated so that one inch of rain raises the float over four inches high for easy reading, rainfall levels can be clearly seen up to 50 feet away. Ruggedly constructed in high-impact plastic and comes completely assembled for simple mounting on fence or post. 24" high, £11.95."

Now, would you like one? Do you burn simply to mount it on fence or post? Of all the things you have ever wanted to know, does yesterday's local rainfall come pretty high up the list?

Hacks, like barristers, should never ask a question to which they do not know the answer. I feel fairly confident that there cannot be many among you who give a tinker's curse whether you copped .003" last night or .004. I doubt that you would know what to do with the information even if you had it. I dare go even further and suggest that you almost certainly turn a deaf ear when Ian McCaskill begins burbling on about millibars and occluded fronts, you are interested only in seeing where he deploys his little suns and clouds. Meteorology for you is about whether or not to take your hat.

Why, therefore, do I take the liberty of squandering your time today with what is clearly an item of scant appeal to any of us? Quite simply because I am deeply upset, and I have no one else to blub to. For I have been pondering why, despite having no more interest in precipitation than the next man, I have been targeted, and I have arrived at the only feasible conclusion. It is because the makers think I am a dull dog. They have done their research; they have rung up my friends; they have video-recordings of eyelids drooping as I banged on about Moldavia or leg-spin or Rushdie or BCCI. They think I need a conversation piece . . . "Hallo, come in, have a drink, you're in for a bit of a treat, I don't mind saying, come over to the window, I bet you don't know what that is?"

"Mounted on that post 50 feet away?"

"Right! It's a — prepare yourself — it's a rain gauge!"

"Never! It's so EZ to read!"

"That's because it's jumbo."

"Stone me! How high does one inch of rain raise its float, then?"

"You'll never believe this — *four inches!*"

"Incredible! If it's not a personal question, how high is it?"

"24 inches. Or, expressed in feet, 2."

"Jesus wept! Aren't you terrified a pigeon or similar will fly into it, depriving you instantly of all rainfall statistics?"

"Ha, ha! Fancy you not recognising high-impact plastic! Pigeons just bounce off, thanks to the rugged construction, and by the way . . ."

Maybe I should buy it, after all. Make life eazedier for everyone.

Straight talk is best

THE old guard on the China desk at the Foreign Office will be wearing their "told-you-so" faces this morning and shaking their heads over John Major's clash in Peking over human rights. Whitehall caution, led by the new British ambassador to China, Robin McLaren, and Sir Percy Craddock, Major's adviser on China, has long held that we should bow to the peculiar Chinese diplomatic customs.

The prime minister seems to have overruled his senior staff to take a tough stance. Cyril Lin, director of the Centre for Modern Chinese Studies at Oxford, says: "I am sure that Sir Percy Craddock would never have advised him to speak like that. Major has made a big mistake. There is no point in going to China if you are going to confront them openly on human rights."

But most applauded Major's performance and felt that any ensuing bad feeling with the Chinese would be little more than a storm in a rice-bowl. Norman Reddaway, a former ambassador to Poland, who has being doing business with the Chinese for many years, says: "I don't think there are any subtle ways of negotiating with the Chinese. They have to be treated the same as anyone else."

Sir John Morgan, a former diplomat in Peking, says: "If he had gone there and not brought up the subject, the Chinese would have interpreted it as a lack of interest." "I think the analogy is with Poland," says Reddaway. "Mrs Thatcher took a very tough line with the communist regime in Poland in the early 1980s. They were said to be deeply offended, but it all blew over. Today she is virtually a hero there."

THE TIMES DIARY

● *Debate continues over who in the West first recognised that President Gorbachev was a man with whom we could do business. After Peter Walker's claim to have opened Mrs Thatcher's eyes, a still earlier claimant emerges. Archie Brown, professor of politics at Oxford, says that he brought Gorbachev to Mrs Thatcher's attention as long ago as September 8, 1983. The occasion was a seminar at Chequers on the Soviet Union. Brown tipped Gorbachev as leader a full 18 months before his succession, and urged Mrs Thatcher to back him to the hilt.*

Who goes where?

PART of Douglas Hogg's mission on the first official British visit to the Baltics in more than 50 years is tactfully to start the process of reclaiming the British legations vacated in 1940. Of the three former premises in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, only that in Riga is still indisputably British. "It is there if we want it," says the Foreign Office, although as it is said to be both rambling and crumbling. The old legation in the Estonian capital, Tallinn, is still one of the smartest addresses in town, but is today the headquarters of the Red Cross.

In Lithuania there is a bigger problem. Although the former legation has in recent years been occupied by the KGB, and may therefore be about to be vacated, it is based in Kaunas, now the country's second city. At the time of the British evacuation, Vilnius, the present capital, was still part of Poland. A Foreign Office spokesman says: "We will be talking to the authorities about the buildings, but it will all be done on a friendly basis. It would be morally unfair to turf people out." The Baltics were not sufficiently important in 1940 to merit embassies with the full diplomatic paraphernalia. In future, though, anything less than highest diplomatic status would be taken as a political slight. If he doesn't go to Hong Kong, would David Owen be desperate enough to take a Baltic job?

Parkland preserved

WHEN it came to removing landmarks that might help German bombers during the second world war, conserving the nation's heritage had to take second place. Happily, over half a century later, Gwent in South Wales is finally getting around to restoring part of what was lost.

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That's what I call a real folly
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The Trevethin Folly, knocked down in 1940 for fear that it might guide Germans to a royal ordnance factory nearby, is being rebuilt from the original stone in time for the Ebbw Vale garden festival next year. The Brecon Beacons national park has readily granted planning permission, but with the strangest of conditions: that a new car park for tourists and a wider access road be constructed. "We feel that that would put too much pressure on the tower and it should just be for ramblers," says Arthur Crane, secretary of the restoration group. "But if that is the decision, we will have to stick by it."

108-part harmony

AFTER announcing the serialisation of the Bible, BBC Radio 2 has come up with an even more ambitious project: a live pick'n'mix simultaneous broadcast from five choirs, while another 103 choirs perform the same work under different conductors elsewhere.

The logistics are frightening, for a single orchestra has problems enough staying in time. Yet next month the Beeb hopes that listeners will not hear the joins as it slips in and out of the five different performances of Haydn's *Creation* from as far apart as Leeds and Penzance.

At least they will start together: the countdown will be given by Princess Michael of Kent in London. After that, the scattered choirs, under conductors who include Sir Charles Groves, will be on their own for the work, which lasts nearly two hours.

"It is not thought that the choirs will co-ordinate exactly," says the BBC, "but if we are out of synch it will be a matter of seconds, not minutes." The corporation has laid on contingency plans for the finale. If the different performances arrive at the last bar at different times, late arrivals will be drowned by applause from the other end of the country.

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RIPE FOR DEMOCRACY

John Major arrives in Hong Kong today in no doubt that China's rulers equate political reform with loss of power, and have not the slightest intention of permitting events in the Soviet Union to do other than reinforce their determination to be different. Peking is now resolutely out of touch not only with the world beyond its frontiers, but even with China's own increasingly free-wheeling provinces along its southern and south-eastern coastal belt.

Meanwhile across the border in Hong Kong a total contrast presents itself. In ten days, the colony holds its first-ever direct democratic elections. This is not good news for Peking. In the two years since Tiananmen, the Chinese government has gone out of its way to demonstrate that it puts the political control of Hong Kong far above its value to China as a centre of free enterprise and economic growth. To Peking's current oligarchy, Hong Kong democracy is a disease capable of producing a lethal infection on the mainland. Every move in Sino-British diplomacy is conditioned by this view.

Yet China itself is not entirely embedded in the same immovability as Mr Major witnessed in Peking. Knowledge of events in the Soviet Union must weaken the centre's control over the regions. Communist empires are suddenly looking vulnerable. Local elites will inevitably ponder their futures, and that of the power groups over which they currently hold sway. The economically flourishing coastal provinces — Guangdong, Fujian and the Shanghai region — pay less and less attention to Peking as they reach outward for trade and investment. Even within these provinces' local party machines, there is some understanding that free markets cannot be permitted while free ideas are outlawed, as Peking imagines.

This in turn must affect the "overwhelming leverage" that British spokesmen have always attributed to Peking over Hong Kong in the period before, and indeed after, 1997. Guangdong province already depends on Hong Kong's investment and market expertise. Its rulers would be particularly reluctant to implement economic sanctions against so useful a colony, such as stopping sales of food and water. The interpenetration of Hong Kong and its hinterland can be expected to increase drastically in the next six years, economically but also politically.

This reinforces the importance of Britain now making more of a reality of Hong Kong's "high level of autonomy", formally guaranteed under the 1984 Sino-British declaration. Nothing has caused greater resentment among Hong Kong Chinese than Britain's submission to Peking's insistence on dealing directly with Britain over their heads. In Peking, for example, Mr Major signed the agreement on a new airport which will be partly financed by Hong Kong taxpayers, yet no representative of Hong Kong participated in the final negotiations. Even Hong Kong's new final court of appeal, bedrock of its legal autonomy, has been the subject of exclusive Sino-British negotiation.

Mr Major insisted at the signing ceremony that there was "no question of the Chinese government seeking any veto, condominium or joint administration" of Hong Kong before 1997. Peking, he said, "agreed that Hong Kong people should run Hong Kong". The best way to give these pledges credibility would be to speed up the timetable for democracy, giving the legislative council (Legco) real power to call the colonial government to account and to deal with whatever Chinese authorities it chooses.

On Peking's insistence, this month's vote will be for only 18 out of Legco's 60 seats. While refusing to put the question to them in a referendum, British and Hong Kong government officials have said that Hong Kong's people are "not ready" for democracy. Mr Major should shed such demeaning paternalism.

The assumption has been that after 1997 Peking would simply abolish any institutions it disliked. But China is no longer part of a great communist imperium. It is now alone against the tide. In years to come, even self-determination for Hong Kong is not utterly implausible. Mr Hurd has promised to support a speedier timetable for democracy if this month's polling is "successful". The 1984 Declaration says that Hong Kong's legislature will be "elected". Britain should inform China of its decision to implement that pledge in full.

RESTRICTING REPLICA GUNS

Britain is not a violent society compared with most others. Figures on the experience of crime are unreliable when compared internationally, but Britain is probably less violent than the United States, Canada, Australia and almost all the rest of Europe. Anything which creates an impression to the contrary merely contributes to the fear of crime, a fear that is more destructive of the quality of life than crime itself. That reservation must be placed against police demands for further tightening of gun-control, in particular to restrict replica firearms.

Real guns are tightly controlled by the Firearms Act of 1968. So long as replicas cannot be adapted to fire live rounds (though they may still fire blanks) there are at present no laws controlling their sale, though their use in a robbery is covered by the penalties of the Firearms Act.

Control of replicas is needed not as a response to "growing violence" in the community, on which it is unlikely to make much impact, but as a measure to prevent crime. Ready access to replica guns encourages their use in armed robbery, when it is ridiculous for the gun lobby to argue that they are different in purpose from the real thing. These pseudo-weapons are used to inspire the same terror as a loaded gun.

There is a paradox about the present policy towards police use of guns. The trend among British police is away from a routinely armed force. The number of London officers qualified to use guns has been lowered from 4,500 to 2,500 over the last five years, and likewise in other forces. Instead, mobile armed units are being created which can be called rapidly to any incident involving (or even suspected of involving) firearms.

Under the old rules, guns were drawn from the local police station armoury only after an incident had been reported. Under the new, they are held in a locked compartment in a special police car on patrol. A gunman (or suspected gunman) is thus more likely to be confronted by trained police marksmen, and rather sooner than before. Incidents where unarmed policemen try bravely to "talk down" an apparently armed man should occur less often.

But more gunmen engaged in crime are now likely to be shot by the police. Indeed the police are keen to cultivate an awareness that criminals who carry firearms are risking their own lives. Some police want further control on the sale and possession of imitation firearms as a result of recent cases of police shooting at criminals using imitation weapons. The thought of shooting a criminal carrying such an imitation understandably worries them. They want to be as sure as possible that what looks like a genuine firearm is indeed a genuine firearm. This is one factor in the desire to make replicas harder to buy.

Distinguishing in legislation between a replica and a child's toy would not be difficult. Replicas, usually imported and far more expensive than toys, are made with the right weight and the right appearance in every detail, for those who want to get as close as possible to the real thing. They are clearly designed to pander to a morbid fascination with deadly weapons. Because they cannot be identified on sight, they carry all the menace of a real gun. What the eye cannot distinguish, the law should not distinguish either. Replicas should be under the same restrictions as real firearms.

A DECENT BURIAL

Lenin's niece is reported to have appealed for her uncle's embalmed corpse to be left in its mausoleum. It is most unlikely that her wish will be granted. The powerful mayor of Moscow, Gavriil Popov, has already proposed that this gruesome symbol of a defunct system should be returned to Lenin's birthplace on the Volga, named Ulyanovsk after his real name. Whether the mausoleum itself will remain is uncertain, but there is bound to be pressure for the church which once stood there to be rebuilt. The cult of Lenin will soon be a memory.

Yet it was only a short time ago that his birthday, April 22, was elaborately celebrated, with *Pravda* regularly devoting almost half its pages to panegyrics. Even in 1989, when statues of Lenin were being demolished across Eastern Europe, the uncritical official stance continued.

Only last year did genuine signs of a reassessment become visible, with independent-minded Soviet scholars asking uncomfortable questions about the deaths of several million people during Lenin's short rule, and about whether "Stalinism" was really such an aberration from Leninism after all. Yet banners still proclaimed: "Perestroika is the rebirth of Lenin's idea of socialism." In a sense this was true: both the key concepts of Mr Gorbachev's reform, perestroika and glasnost, were used frequently by the founder of Bolshevism.

But by this time the stuffing had been knocked out of even this liberalised Leninism. In 1991 celebrations on 22 April were muted. Last month's upheaval delivered the *coup de grâce* to this profane caricature of the Russian belief in the holiness of relics and in reverence for saints.

The impending eviction of Lenin from his mausoleum evokes parallels with past cults of which this was a mockery. Charlemagne's embalmed corpse was found to be seated on his throne when his tomb at Aachen was opened more than three centuries later by the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, who had his forerunner "canonised" by an obedient anti-pope. Medieval kingship subsumed what Kantorowicz called "the king's two bodies", the corporeal and the metaphysical. Reverence was due even after death.

Dead dictators have usually fared less well than dead kings. Cromwell's corpse was disinterred and exhibited in public after the Restoration. Among great usurpers, only Napoleon succeeded in creating a lasting cult which has enabled him to stay in his splendid tomb. Fear of indignities of the kind suffered by Mussolini's corpse may have prompted Hitler to decree his own cremation. As for Lenin, a modest man, it is unlikely that he wished to invite nemesis by having himself displayed like a waxwork.

Those who have demolished the leviathan that was Lenin's legacy must ponder carefully how to treat their past. Otherwise a distasteful cult among diehard communists, akin to the annual gatherings of neo-nazis at the grave of Rudolf Hess in Wunsiedel, might yet focus on Lenin's resting place. But there is one good way of preventing this, and yet paying such respect for the dead as is due: by giving the remains of Vladimir Ilyich an Orthodox Christian burial.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Alternative cures for business ills

From Mr Brian Warnes

Sir, Under the heading, "One firm in 50 has gone into liquidation" (report, Business, August 28), Ron Taylor, Director General of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, mentions that "this is not a shake-out of inefficient organisations, but good companies unable to survive . . ." And many of the other 49, if they have not actually failed, are suffering various degrees of anguish.

Nearly every company is being permanently harmed by the cash drains currently taking place. This could result in a further wave of bankruptcies once the recession eases and order books begin to pick up again, as banks become ever more reluctant to fund higher turnover, because of severely depleted equity bases.

One of the most daunting features to emerge from recent events is the apparent inadequacy of conventional financial methods to cope with the situation. Virtually the only way to forecast and monitor cash flow is through the use of the conventional cash-flow format; yet it is simply not designed to help management find out precisely what is going wrong, and why, and what to do about it.

Conventional costing, pricing and work-in-progress methods are also found to have equally serious limitations, resulting in inadequate pricing, poor cost control, poor work-in-progress control, inadequate product and market development, weak market penetration, and so on.

These limitations almost certainly explain why far too many British companies, of all sizes, lack sufficient profitability, investment performance and competitiveness, even in good times. The saga of the Japanese penetration of the car industry (Japanese companies use substantially different methods) is perhaps no more than symptomatic of this underlying malaise.

The necessary alternative techniques do in fact exist — they are, for instance, fundamental to that Japanese success. They include evaluating working capital needs in terms of days and percentages of turnover, detecting creditor-strain, and the use of value-added for pricing and costing, product development and production control in place of conventional and standard costing.

Companies using such techniques benefit greatly from them, even in difficult markets and economic climates. The need now is for much greater awareness throughout British industry of their existence and their method of use.

Yours sincerely,
B. C. J. WARNES
(Managing Director),
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13 Blackheath Village, SE3.
September 3.

Across the centuries

From Mr Terence Ryan

Sir, Mr Milton's fear (August 31) that the year 2000 may be abbreviated to the Eurospeak "2K" raises a problem. In computerese one K is the binary representation of the decimal number 1024. Consequently 2K would refer, not to the year 2000, but to the year 2048.

While having lost 11 days might be seen as historically unfortunate, losing 48 years would seem to amount to carelessness. What Mr Milton presumably has in mind as an "abbreviation" for 2000 is 1.953125K.

Mr Fitzpatrick's suggestion, on the other hand, that we revert to the Roman "MM" notation has admittedly a certain aesthetic appeal. Unfortunately most people are a bit stale in the use of this notation and so a preliminary practice period would probably be helpful. If we started right now in MCMLXXXXI then by the time we got to MIM we should have the hang of it.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE RYAN,
University of Dublin,
Department of Economics,
Trinity College, Dublin 2,
Republic of Ireland.
August 31.

From Mr J. R. W. Lingard

Sir, Should this debate not be deferred until 1999? Those available at the time can then sort it out to their own satisfaction.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. W. LINGARD,
Semley Grange,
Shaftesbury, Dorset.
August 31.

A gift of tongues

From Mr Tony Duff

Sir, Mr Victor Ross, a former chairman of the Reader's Digest Association (August 27), is quite wrong to deduce that because English is the most useful language in the world the British should do nothing to learn other languages. Even if one takes his limited commercial view, one should be aware that markets are not won only by the "ebb and flow of functionality".

Success in the market place depends on the capacity to understand the people one is doing business with and on making them feel that one is ready to make that effort. Being prepared — in all senses — to speak "their language" is the key to such success.

I write from an organisation whose aim is to raise the standard of the teaching of English across the world, especially through our teacher-training activities; but we also run flourishing departments of Spanish, French, Italian, German, Japanese, and Arabic, based on the philosophy that people understand each other better and therefore work more effectively together — for both business and pleasure — through mastering "the gift of tongues".

Given the present state of the world, who would argue, except possibly Victor Ross, that we do not need to develop the will to understand each other individually, nationally and internationally?

Yours faithfully,
TONY DUFF (Director General),
International House,
106 Piccadilly, W1.
August 28.

From Mr Alan Williams

Sir, Martin Jacques (article, August 21) suggested that British business people should learn foreign languages to communicate with their overseas customers and suppliers. I would like to be able to do so and I am sure that this is true of others. As he suggests, this is a positive approach to furthering our trading position. But can he guide us on which languages to learn?

Operating internationally, I have managed in French, coped in German and Portuguese, attempted Spanish and Italian, struggled desperately with Russian and been overwhelmed by Japanese, Danish, Swedish, Dutch, Flemish and Arabic.

But in almost every country one visits the first foreign language is English; even in the USA and Australia! It is not only easy to lapse into English but is very often the only practical way of communicating with one's hosts.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN WILLIAMS,
4 Elsworth Place, Cambridge.
September 1.

Ways for survival and prosperity in the countryside

From the President of the Landscape Institute and the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Sir, If the countryside is to survive and prosper, as the Chief Executive of the Rural Development Commission suggests (August 30), it must be a living, working countryside. Criticising the use of surplus farm land for golf courses and leisure centres, without offering any alternative uses, provides no solution.

Two million acres of agricultural land, an area equivalent to the county of Somerset, is now surplus to our requirements for food production and will be set-aside over the next nine years. The crucial question is, therefore, what is this vast amount of land to be used for?

We believe that a greatly expanded forestry programme would provide a positive use for much of this surplus land. Such a programme, which could be stimulated by new grant and fiscal incentives, would also, under proper management, offer many new opportunities for public access and recreation.

We recognise that forestry is not, of course, a panacea for the problems facing the countryside. Different approaches would be needed in different parts of the country. It does, however, offer a partial solution to the seemingly intractable problem of balancing the need to conserve the countryside with economic demands.

Yours etc.,
HUGH CLAMP, President,
The Landscape Institute,
TED WATTS, President,
The Royal Institution of
Chartered Surveyors,
6/7 Barnard Mews, SW1.

From Mr M. H. R. Soper

Sir, Your leader, "Forever lost" (August 27), typifies the narrow approach of those who wish to freeze the countryside in its existing form at all costs.

Britain has 57 million people in a confined area, with an increasingly high standard of living and more leisure time and mobility than ever before. It has an efficient agricultural industry with land surplus to food production. It also has a severe housing shortage and a need for modernised industrial premises.

At the same time many areas of natural beauty are being rapidly eroded by over-use from a public seeking recreation.

What is so wrong, therefore, with trying to provide leisure centres and various other types of recreation areas or land for new housing for those who have to live in grossly overcrowded, sub-standard urban areas?

The loss of truly agricultural land has been small over the last 40 years relative to the total area available — some 0.15 per cent of the area under crops and grass annually. Even if that did increase through more land being used for building, there would be no danger of Britain becoming a vast suburbia, though a few areas could become over-populated.

You are right, of course, to suggest the need for a comprehensive plan to regulate, in broad terms, the best use of the countryside, but to propose, as does your final paragraph, that all development should be held up "while this debate over the future of British farming continues" is unrealistic.

All bodies with interests and involvement in the countryside should lay aside their prejudices and work together with government to hammer out a feasible policy for regulating development in the countryside. That would safeguard the use of the better quality land for agriculture, ensure adequate funding to maintain rural populations in those areas marginal for agriculture but which have recreational or other potential, define areas suitable for housing and industrial development and maintain, and enhance, the natural beauty of rural areas. This could well involve tree-planting programmes.

Those must be the objectives for 21st-century Britain.

Yours faithfully,
M. H. R. SOPER,
Larksmead,
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell,
Wallingford, Oxfordshire.
August 30.

From Mr Brian Peace

Sir, One optimistic note in the current debate on the future of our countryside and the rural economy would appear to be the general recognition that if we wish to preserve our unique landscapes the public should be prepared to help pay for their retention.

In Devon landowners and the county council have come together under a Country Landowners Association, known as Environmental Land Management Services (ELMS). Funded totally by the council, the objects are to encourage landowners to put forward projects which will maintain and improve our landscapes, wildlife habitats, facilities for informal recreation and the awareness of environmental issues. The scheme provides financial support for landowners and farmers in order to benefit those who visit our countryside.

Through such agreements we have seen a substantial interest generated between the landowner and his customers, be they local authority or general public. That interest must be encouraged to develop as mutual respect grows between all parties concerned with the viability and well-being of our countryside.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN PEACE
(Chairman, Country Landowners Association, Devon Branch),
Willicroft Farm, Rackenford,
Tiverton, Devon.
September 1.

Diet and baby weight

From Professor Michael A. Crawford

Sir, Lord Walton (August 30) rightly referred to the need for research on the prevention of handicap in regard to your feature (Health, August 22) on planning for pregnancy.

Data from the City and Hackney health authority areas published over the last 12 years define an association between maternal nutrition before conception with birth weight which is independent of smoking and alcohol.

Measurements in those babies born small confirm that they were poorly nourished. Evidence from the Medical Research Council, published last month, that giving supplements of a B vitamin, folic acid, prior to pregnancy resulted in a 72 per cent protection against spina bifida and other neural tube defects should remove any doubt of the relevance of nutrition.

There is now good evidence that improper nutrition not only affects adults in terms of obesity and heart disease but can also be responsible for poor foetal growth. What needs to be tested is whether or not a reduction in the number of babies born too early or small will simultaneously reduce the incidence of those handicaps associated with low birth weight and inadequate brain development to which Lord Walton referred.

In England and Wales alone some 47,000 babies each year are of low birth weight. As the weight falls below 2.5 kg (about 5½lb) the risk of handicap increases, with emotional, social and financial costs that are enormous because of the life-long impact.

Converse interpretation of the data leads to the positive idea of the promotion of health in the next generation through the mother and maternal health. It is more important to promote the positive by getting things right at the start than worry people with the negatives as your headline, "Planning pregnancy? Start worrying now" suggests.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CRAWFORD
(Director),
The Institute of Brain Chemistry
and Human Nutrition,
Hackney Hospital,
Homerton High Street, E9.
August 30.

Channel 3 licences

From the Chief Executive of the Independent Television Commission

Sir, In the light of the current discussion about the impending award of Channel 3 licences by the Independent Television Commission it may be helpful to set out briefly the process which the ITC is required to follow according to the Broadcasting Act 1990.

There are three stages in the handling of applications: first, consideration in each case of the proposed programme service and the business plan which accompanies it (the quality threshold); secondly, ranking of the cash bids of those applications which have passed the quality threshold; thirdly, consideration of any exceptional circumstances which would make it appropriate for the ITC to award the licence to other than the highest qualified bidder. This procedure is being followed for every one of the regional licences and for the national breakfast licence.

Both the quality threshold and the exceptional circumstances provisions were introduced into the Broadcasting Bill during its passage through Parliament last year. They impose upon the ITC a duty to make judgments on the applications.

No one, least of all the ITC, supposes that these judgments will be easy since they amount to a much more sophisticated exercise than opening the brown envelopes and identifying the highest cash bidders for each licence. If that had been the criterion laid down by Parliament the ITC would have announced the licence winners the day after applications were received.

Yours etc.,
DAVID GLENCROSS,
Chief Executive,
Independent Television
Commission,
70 Brompton Road, SW3.
September 2.

Choice of priorities

From Mr Daniel Goldberg

Sir, Mr Carpenter's point about quantitative information, "rough first, fine last" (August 31), might have been stronger had he signed it "Dorset, Poole, Cliffs Canford, Drive Lawrence 4, Carpenter Nick".

Yours,
DANIEL GOLDBERG,
Hydraulics Research Ltd,
Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

At a price

From Mrs Sue Amstel

Sir, I was amused to read Ms Bradt's letter (August 29) concerning her "free bright summer gifts". We have just acquired a "free answerphone". To collect the vouchers my husband had bought £2,000 worth of petrol.

Yours faithfully,
SUE AMSTEL,
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Watford, Hertfordshire.

Yugoslav issues

From Mr Quintin Hoare

Sir, If your correspondent Mr R. Marcetic (September 2) has the interests of the Serb minority in Croatia at heart, he should be writing in a different vein. All states in the Balkans have minorities which need guaranteed rights (even Hungary has its gypsies), since borders are not and cannot be purely ethnic.

This is even more true of the eight federal units of Yugoslavia. The existing internal borders must be respected, not because they are "sacrosanct", but because the principle of no change by force of arms should be sacrosanct.

Also, because they are basically fair: the few, underpopulated areas of Croatia where Serbs form a majority are hundreds of kilometres away from Serbia; the areas of heaviest recent fighting in eastern Slavonia, on the other hand, which do border on Serbia (or at least the province of Vojvodina), all have only minority Serb populations. A considerable proportion of Croatia's 600,000 Serbs anyway live in cities like Zagreb and Split.

Finally, self-determination is not possible for every minority in an ethnically mixed area, nor acceptable for just one and not others. For all these reasons, therefore, any "Serb question" in Croatia should not and could not be solved by forcible border changes — which is what is apparently being attempted by the Milosevic regime and the army in the current war.

Mr Marcetic should recognise that in Yugoslavia, as in the Soviet Union, only voluntary forms of association between sovereign republics — plus guarantees for the rights of minorities — offer any hope of a democratic future.

Yours sincerely,
QUINTIN HOARE,
119 Blenheim Crescent, W11.
September 2.

Pen-pushers all

From Mr Stephen Hall-Jones

Sir, If you not only write very well, but are a scholar, you may, according to Eric Partridge's *Concise Usage and Abusage*, be described as a *man of letters* (*ergo*, woman of letters or person of letters). In Lady Antonia Fraser's case (September 3) that would seem to do it.

Partridge adds the curious qualification that such a description may be applied "by one's friends", but offers no guidance on the term to be used by one's enemies. Furthermore "a *writer* that (*sic*) produces very little except fiction becomes an *author*" — a considerable demotion. A distillation of Partridge's many expressions produces the following in ascending order of rank: novelist, author, writer and person of letters. Take your pick.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient scribe,
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From Canon D. G. Richards

Sir, Lady Antonia should be jolly grateful not to have found herself described as an authoress.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK RICHARDS,
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Llandudno, Gwynedd.
September 3.

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COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 3: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, received the Secretary of the Duchy (Mr David Landale).

The Princess of Wales, Patron, British Youth Opera, attended a performance of *La Boheme* at Sadler's Wells *Theatre*, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 3: Princess Alexandra this morning opened Galsworthy House Nursing Home at 177 Kingston *Hill*, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness, President, opened an Exhibition of Endangered Species for the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF-UK) at Stansted Airport, Essex.

Princess Alexandra was received by the Lord Braybrooke (Deputy Lieutenant of Essex).

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr C.R. Bebbington
and Miss M.E.C. Ratcliff
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Dr and Mrs A. Bebbington, of Bishopstone, Salisbury, and Melanie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J.R. Ratcliff, of Preston, Lancashire.

Mr A.J.H. Dennis
and Miss S. Whitehead
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Gerald *Dennis, of County Cork*, and Mrs Dione Dennis, of Messing, Essex, and Samantha, daughter of Major Stuart Whitehead, of Villereal, France, and Andrea Duchess of Manchester, of Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr G.S. Derriman
and Miss D.H. Dewar
The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr and Mrs *M.S.* Derriman, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Deborah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Dewar, of Purley, Surrey.

Mr R. Gwyn Palmer
and Miss J.A.F. Van Oss
The engagement is announced between Robert, only child of the late Mr J. Gwyn Palmer and of Mrs Gwyn Palmer, of Treboeth, West Glamorgan, and Juliet Anne Favell, elder daughter of Mr Peter Van Oss, of Long Sutton, Hampshire, and of Mrs Susan Vicary, of Hatherop, Gloucestershire.

Mr G.A.N. Hankin
and Miss R.E. Booton
The engagement is announced between Guy Arthur Norman, only son of Mrs Helen Hankin, of Milton Lilbourne, Wiltshire, and the late Mr Arthur Hankin, CMG, and Rosemary Ellen, younger daughter of Mr Stanley Booton, of Guildford, Surrey, and the late Mrs Pauline Booton.

Mr R.S. Hill
and Miss S.I. Speight
The engagement is announced between Rodney, son of Mr John Hill and Mrs Margaret Hill, of Queensland, Australia, and Sophie, daughter of Colonel and Mrs John Speight, of Crakehall, North Yorkshire.

Mr J.L. Ing
and Miss J. Taor
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr J.R. Ing, of Flackwell Heath, *Buckinghamshire, and* Mrs C.A. Eastwood, of Radnage, Buckinghamshire, and Judith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Taor, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

Mr P.J. Power
and Miss E.D. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Perry, second son of Mr and Mrs E.J. Power, of Delta, British Columbia, and Elizabeth Daintry, daughter of Mr and *Mrs M.D. Harrison, of Higher* Sutton, Cheshire.

Mr E.P. Standish
and Miss A.M. Perring
The engagement is announced between Edward Pery, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Standish, of Ipplepen, South Devon, and Anna Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John R. Perring, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr G.T.S. Walsh Waring
and Miss L.F. Graham
The engagement is announced between George Thomas Spencer, younger son of Mr and Mrs Rodger Walsh Waring, of Kensington, London, and Lucy Fiona, eldest daughter of Sir Alexander and Lady Graham, of Whitwell, *Hertfordshire*.

Mr P.W. Whitburn
and Miss N.K.A.R. Spurway
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of *Mr and Mrs William* Whitburn, of Bayswater, London, and Nicola, *elder daughter of* Mr and Mrs David Spurway, of Nicholashayne, Devon.

Lieutenant T.J. Wiltshire, RM
and Miss L.H. Welch
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr Hugh Wiltshire, of East Stoke, Dorset, and Mrs Jennifer Clifford, of Bere Regis, Dorset, and Lisa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Welch, of Utkinton, Cheshire.

Marriages

Lord Wolfson
and Mrs E. Jackson
The marriage took place at the Central Synagogue, London, on September 1, between Lord Wolfson, of *Marylebone*, and Mrs Estelle Jackson, widow of Mr Michael Jackson, FCA.

Mr A.J. Grant
and Miss ff.J. Dawes
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, 1991, at the Church of St Cosmas and St Damian, Keymer, West Sussex, of Mr Andrew Grant, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Grant, of Cobham, Surrey, to Miss ffenella Dawes, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Dawes, of Keymer, West Sussex. The Right Rev Nicholas Menon officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alison Dawes, Julia Gardner, Joanna Lambe, Lucy and Peter Carnaghan, Victoria and Alexander Robinson and James Cragg. Mr Tim Andrew was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the *honeymoon will be spent* abroad.

OBITUARIES

LAURA RIDING

Laura Riding, American poet, critic and philosophical writer, died on September 2 in Wabasso, Florida, aged 90. She was born in New York on January 16, 1901.

A SMALL but on the whole highly articulate minority saw Laura Riding – styled latterly by her own wish as Laura (Riding) Jackson – as the outstanding woman poet in any language of our century. The most notable member of this minority was Robert Graves with whom she lived for a number of years. To his eternal credit he never changed his mind about her in spite of her vituperative treatment of him after their relationship had soured. But the vast majority of readers could not respond to her poetry or prose and understood neither. Of her many books, only *Lives of Wives* (1939) ever sold even reasonably well. But there is no doubt that literary criticism and biography will have to come to terms with her unique achievement.

After 1939, when she ceased to write poetry, she proceeded to condemn it altogether as an activity, although (somewhat paradoxically) she allowed her own poetry to be printed, if only as a demonstration of how far poetry could be taken. She herself described it as "of the first water". In later years she became something of a guru (largely on *the strength of her book The Telling*, 1972), although without the *usual wide audience*. Nonetheless, she gathered some private disciples, whom she would "lesson" (as *she* put it) in the deficiencies of their characters as well as in the workings of the universe. A few of those apparently dedicated to her were too evidently compensating themselves for feelings of inferiority. Understanding of her work was not always advanced by the presence of this latter type of follower, since some (not all) of them parodied her own inimitably lofty manner; they would also feed her, even in her old age, with everything derogatory that had been said about her; plenty was, although little of it was more than gossip. But in the long and unhappy period following the death of her second husband in 1968 she herself showed tenacity and courage.

Laura Riding was born Laura Reichenthal in New York City. Her Austrian father was a tailor and a prominent socialist. He hoped to make a socialist of her. But she resisted this fiercely and was seldom overtly political. After attending Brooklyn Girls' High School, she went to Cornell university to take a general arts course. She did not stay to take a degree because she met and married, in 1920, a Cornell history *instructor, later a distinguished* historian, called Louis Gottschalk. This marriage was dissolved in 1925 on the grounds of what the astonished Gottschalk later called "sheer incompatibility". She changed her surname to Riding when she arrived in England in early 1926.

Meanwhile she attracted the attention of the very important group of Southern poets – including John Crowe Ransom and Allen Tate – who called themselves the Fugitives. *She enthusiastically* supported their cause, but, in the words of one of the historians of the movement, "tried to assume leadership in the project and ended by causing some little dissension..." This established a pattern in her life which was often to be repeated.

However, Ransom had sent her poems to his friend Robert Graves; and Graves, together with his wife Nancy Nicholson, admired them so much that they invited her to join them in England. She accompanied them to Egypt, where Graves had a *university appointment, and she* returned to England with them a few months later.

By 1927 she was living with Graves, with whom she also formed a famous literary partnership. They wrote books together, including *Pamphlet Against Anthologies*, and they founded the Seizin Press, which published work by themselves, Gertrude Stein and others. They took this press with them when they emigrated to the island of Majorca *in 1929. Their departure was caused* by events which became a much-*relished scandal – an indigent Irish* poet called Geoffrey Phibbs, with whom Riding had also been having a relationship, then went off, instead, with Graves's wife. This prompted Riding to attempt suicide.

Riding at this time published several books of prose. Some of this was simply Steinesque; but the essays in *Anarchism is Not Enough* (1928) and some of the tales in *Progress of Stories* (1936) were remarkable. She also published much poetry, culminating in the *Collected Poems of 1938*, which has since been reprinted. But in spite of a strong publicity effort on her behalf the public for poetry could never be persuaded to take a real interest in her work. Auden, Larkin and many other poets were deeply affected by it in addition to Graves himself.

Riding and Graves (whom she had repudiated as a lover in 1929) were driven from Majorca by the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War. It has been stated that they were sympathisers with Franco's cause: but, although they were critical of the Republicans, the opposite is the case. While in London, where they went to live, Riding made an effort to stop the impending war. *The World and Ourselves* (1938) consists of letters from notables, on this subject, with commentary by her. Her attempts seemed naïve and grandiose, but the means that she proposed – that people should change themselves from within rather than try for political change – were far from stupid. She acted too late, and her shocking innocence ("bodies *have had their day*"), combined with her dogmatism and pronouncements of her own rectitude, alienated almost all her supporters. Although she later admitted to having wasted much of her time in "lessoning" various recalcitrant people, she was never able to see the force of objections to her desire to take over and run things, which included people's lives and the nature of their relationships. She regarded any opposition as merely illogical. Often, perhaps, it was. But she seldom made exceptions and could not have understood how strongly people felt about their illogicalities.

After a brief interlude in Brittany, *Riding and Graves went to America*. Here they parted company. Riding met and eventually married Schuyler B. Jackson — then himself the married father of a family — a literary farmer who had written unsuccessful poetry. She immediately renounced poetry (for reasons that are not quite clear but which certainly involved Jackson's *objections to her poetry*) and for many years publishing nothing. For a long period she and her husband tried to make a living by shipping citrus fruit (their shipper was called R. Graves – no kin to the poet) but they were not very successful. They also worked on a project which she had started in association with Graves: originally described as a "dictionary of related meanings", she eventually called it a work which would "help to dissipate the confusion existing in the knowledge of word-meanings". After her husband's death in 1968 she completed it but only a fragment has been published privately.

In 1967 she published *The Telling* in a magazine; in 1972 it appeared in book form. Its themes, of the universe becoming aware of itself, and of the necessity for *man* to renounce materialism, are not new; but her statement of them is unusual. Students of Plotinus, of various forms of gnosticism, and of Teilhard de Chardin, will recognise the territory. The voice, not always clear, is Riding's own.

After this she published a number of lengthy "corrections", in more or less obscure periodicals, of various accounts of her given by literary historians and biographers. She expressed a fierce hostility towards Graves (a characteristic attitude to all who crossed her) but this was not reciprocated. One biographer, who *had access to more facts than most*, and who admired her, stated that she was sometimes guilty of "retrospective falsification". The republication of some earlier books did not gain her much new attention. Recognition may well come more easily without her abrasive presence. When she had a point to refute, she generally accompanied it with a sarcastic assassination of its holder's character.

Laura Riding, in certain respects a tragic figure, was among the most gifted women of this century. She influenced a few major and many minor poets. She did not get the *public recognition for her poetry* that she deserved; had she done so, *she might have been more kindly* disposed towards others. When the final verdict on twentieth-century poetry is given she will have a very high place.

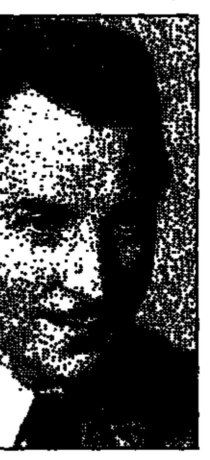
ALAN WHEATLEY

Alan Wheatley, actor, died on August 30 aged 84. He was born on April 19, 1907.

ALAN Wheatley had a distinguished career in the theatre before reaching a much larger audience in two television series. He played the Sheriff of Nottingham, with many a villainous smile, in the long-running *Robin Hood* and the title role in the first TV *Sherlock Holmes*.

Born in Surrey in 1907 and *educated at Tiffin's School*, Kingston-on-Thames, he first worked in industrial psychology before going on the stage in 1928 as Randal Utterwood in *Heartbreak House* at the Festival Theatre, Cambridge, where he continued to play in repertory for a year. This was followed by other provincial seasons and touring with Fred Terry, brother of Ellen. His first London appearance was in the early 1930s and he was at the 1933 Malvern Festival. He became leading man at the Croydon Repertory Theatre and then joined the Old Vic in 1936 to play Count Las Casas in *St Helena*, a chronicle of the last days of Napoleon by R. C. Sherriff and Jeanne de Casalis. This transferred to the West End and to New York for Wheatley's *first appearance* there.

During the rest of the decade he was in plays by Shaw, Maugham, Elmer Rice, Jonson, and as Iago in *Othello*; at the Gate Theatre he was well suited for the character part of Disraeli in a play about Gladstone, and at the Arts Theatre Club he was Frank Harris in *Oscar Wilde* (which the Lord Chamberlain rejected for public performance).



Wheatley's pleasing vocal delivery gave him an entry into radio, where he first became a member of the BBC Drama Repertory Company in September 1939. Between September 1940 and March 1945 he acted as principal announcer and news-reader in the BBC European Service, a trusted and authoritative source that maintained hope. His clarity of diction and balanced speaking voice became well known in war-time Europe, where people in occupied countries turned to the BBC for information. Those who listened now say they did so *surreptitiously*, concerned lest German troops should discover them huddled round their radio sets tuned into Wheatley and his colleagues.

Immediately after the war he toured with the Old Vic as Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet*. He was able to develop his verse-speaking skills in the series known as "New Plays for Poets" run by E. Martin Browne at the small Mercury Theatre in Notting Hill Gate. There he was engaged for the younger leads in Ronald Duncan's *This Way to the Tomb*, Anne Ridler's *The Shadow Factory*, Christopher Fry's *A Phoenix Too Frequent* and, outstandingly, Harry in Eliot's *The Family Reunion* in which he was described by the critic Simon Nowell-Smith as having "a moody illumination which was a constant delight." A *handsome figure*, he managed to convey Harry's inner crisis and change of heart which has not always been evident in other portrayals.

Finally at the Mercury he played Smitty, the seaman suspected of harbouring a bomb in Eugene O'Neill's early trilogy, *SS Glencairn*, a characterisation, in which he, *according to J. C. Trewin*, "touched us to pity with his stifled grief." Although he played Hamlet (Richmond, 1949) and listed Richard II as *a favourite part*, in later years he was more inclined to be cast as a suave villain than a hero (except of course Sherlock Holmes). At an almost forgotten Sunday night production in the 1940s he played a spirited, wily slave in *The Arbitration*, Gilbert Murray's pastiche of Greek drama, and to a rather larger audience he gave a wicked Abanazar in the London Coliseum Christmas pantomime of 1959.

Films included *Inn For Trouble*, *Shadow of the Cat*, *Tomorrow at Ten* and *A Jolly Bad Fellow*.

School announcements

Benenden School
Term starts today. Prospective parents' mornings are at 11.00 am on Saturday, September 14, and Saturday, October 12. A boarding school debate during National Boarding Schools' Week will be held on Monday, October 7. The Technology Centre will be officially opened on Tuesday, November 5; a Sixth Form Conference "Challenge of Management in a Technological Age" will take place on November 4-6. Sixth *Form Scholarships take place* on November 14-15 and a Sixth *Form prospective parents'* morning at 11.00 am on Saturday, November 23. The Carol Service is on Sunday, December 8.

Channing School
Autumn Term commences today and ends on Tuesday, December 17. Charlotte Elder, Eaman Murrar, Marion Clarke and Tessa Lewis continue as School Officers. The School Concert is on October 31, at 7.30 pm, and the Carol Service on December 12, at 7.30 pm. All Old Girls are invited to attend. Open Afternoons for prospective parents will be on October 14 and 28, at 2 pm.

The Cheltenham Ladies' College
The Autumn Term begins today at *The Cheltenham Ladies'* College. The Senior Prefect is Tara King and the Second Head of College is Lena Sentongo. Half term is from Thursday (5.00 pm), October 17 to Sunday, October 27 inclusive. On Sunday, September 8, there will be a Sports Hall Open Day, from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. The Annual General Meeting of Corporate Members will take place on Friday, November 29, at noon in Lower Hall. The Combined Concert with Cheltenham College and St Edward's Senior School, a performance of works by Fauré and Vivaldi, will take place at 7.30 pm, in Cheltenham College Chapel, on Friday, November 29. The Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, December 6, at 7.30 pm in the *Princess Hall and the term will* end on Saturday, December 7, after the Carol Service, which starts at 9.30 am in the Princess Hall.

Eltham College
This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the foundation of the School for the Sons of Missionaries. Autumn Term be*gins on September* 4 with 730 pupils on roll and the new Technology Studio completed. Mr Peter Richards takes over as Head of Art and Mr Julian Yarnold as Housemaster of Eric Liddell House. Ian Masters is Head Prefect and Andrew Draycott Captain of Rugby. The *Old Elthamians'* Winter Reunion is scheduled for December 14, with the Carol Services on December 16 and 17. Term ends on December 18. Anniversary events include the broadcasts of BBC's "Any Questions?" from the Performing Arts Centre on November 8 and the Daily Service on Radio 4 from the College Chapel on November 18. The 150th Anniversary Service will be held in Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate, at 2.30 pm on November 23. Anniversary programmes and invitations will be available from the College Office from the beginning of October.

Eton College
Eton College opens today for the Michaelmas Half. With 254 new boys the total in the School is 1,275. W.T.C. Pryor KS is Captain of the School and M.B. Swire OS Captain of the Oppidans. Dr C.H. Hurst has taken over his House.

The Eton Action Fair will be held on Saturday, September 14 and Charter Day is September 28. There will be four performances of *Doctor Faustus* in the Farrer Theatre from October 14 to 17, and Long Leave will be from October 18 to 27.

The Provost, Sir Antony Acland, will be installed on *November* 3. There will be services of Confirmation in College Chapel, conducted by the Right Rev Simon Burrows, *Bishop of Buckingham*, on November 16 and 17. St Andrew's Day will be celebrated on Saturday, November 23, and the Carol Service will be on December 1. School closes on December 11.

Exeter School
Michaelmas Term begins today. Alastair Usher is Head Boy and Joseph Poore Captain of Rugby Football. Important dates are September 7, noon, Opening of the new All Weather Arena by the Mayor of Exeter; 7.30 pm, Old Exonian Dinner; October 5, 5.30 pm, Ceremonial Opening of New Classroom *Block*; October 14, Speech Day - Speaker, *Miss Jane Glover*; November 26 and 28-30, School Musical *Amadeus*; November 27, School Orchestra opens the Schools' Promenade Concert at the Royal Albert Hall; December 12 and 13, Christmas Concerts. Term ends on December 19.

Kimbolton School
Term starts today with James Dean, Head of School and Joanna Peel, Second Prefect. Thomas McCreadie is Captain of Football and Joanna Cameron, Captain of Hockey. Building work on the new Sports Complex commenced in July, and the project will be completed in the Spring 1992. Founders' Day is on October 18, and the address will be given by Bishop Michael SSF. The Old Kimboltonians' soccer and hockey matches take place on October 19, to be followed by the AGM and Annual Dinner in the Saloon. The Band Concert is on December 7. Term ends after the Senior Carol Service held in the Parish Church at 11.00 am on December 13.

King's College School, Wimbledon
Autumn term begins today at King's College School. Kit Jarvis is Captain of School and Tom McClelland is Vice-Cap*tain. Mr* Michael Smith, who joined the Senior Common *Room in 1951* and was Head of Physics from 1957-1986, retired in July. Mr *Bill Llewellyn*, who joined the Junior Common *Room in 1956* and was Second Master from 1985-9, also retired *in July. Mr Christopher Jackson* succeeds Mr Andrew Lang as Head of Classics and Mr Robin Hughes succeeds Dr Peter Lewis as Head of Physics. Mr Stephen Foot becomes Head of Science.

The Concert Band tour of Holland and Belgium departs on October 18. The Autumn Arts Festival starts on October 15 and ends on December 7 with a *Choral Concert at St Martin-in*-the-Fields. The Mystery Plays *will be performed by the* Junior School and the Senior School from December 1-6. A Gaudy for Old Boys of the 1920s will be held on September 21 and the Old King's Club Annual Dinner will be held at Roehampton Club on November 15: for further details please contact the *OKC* at the School. Term ends after the carol service at St *John's Church, Spencer Hill*, SW19, on December 13.

North London Collegiate School
Term begins today. There are 905 girls in school with 210 in the Sixth Form. The new Library is open and the Drummond Library and Buss Gallery in the Old House have been renovated as study and conference rooms. Old North Londoners are invited to view the alterations at the September Tea on Saturday, September 21, 2.00-5.00 pm. Tickets (£2) from the Treasurer, Mrs Cheryl Pack, telephone *081 449 8449*. Leavers of the '80s are particularly welcome.

Latymer Upper School
The Autumn Term starts today and ends on December 18. L.F. Hopkins is School Captain with S.P. Howard as Vice-Captain. The new Chemistry complex will be opened on October 8, by Professor Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson, FRS, who will then present prizes at Prize Giving. The Autumn Concert will be on November 7, in the Hall and the School Play will be performed in the Posk Theatre from December 11 to 13. S.P. Howard is *Captain of Rugby*, the match against The Headmaster's XV is on *December 14*. *M.J.* Tarlowski is Captain of Soccer. *Speakers* at the Forum Society during the Term include the Right Hon Norman Tebbit, CH, MP, the Right Hon the Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Mr Robert Atkins, MP, and the Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind, MP.

The School is keen to hear news of its Old Boys and they are invited to write to Mr Orton. The Old Latymerian Associ*ation Dinner is being held* at the School on November 29. Applications for next year's 11+ entry are due by the end of December, for details phone: 081 741 1851.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford
Michaelmas term at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, begins today and ends on December 18. The School Captain is James Hartop; Richard Gilbert is Captain of Rugby. Speech Day is on October 16; Sir Eric Ash, Rector of Imperial College, London, will be the guest of honour. The Junior Prizegiving will be on September 20, the Guildford Sinfonia concert on December 3 and the Past v Present rugby match at Bradstone Brook on December 14. A dinner will be held for Oxford OGs on November 16 at Wadham College. Old Boys who left the school between 1950 and 1960 and who would like to receive an invitation to a reunion evening on *November 6* should write to the Membership Secretary at *the school*.

Saint Felix School, Southwold
The Autumn Term begins today. Mrs Susan Campion, MA (Cantab), takes up her appointment as Headmistress. Head of School is Annabel Forestier-Walker and Second Head of School is Samantha Plummer. Head Day Girl is Philippa de Lacroix. The Old Felicians' Weekend will be held on October 5 and 6. An Open Day for prospective parents and their daughters will be held on October 18. The Senior Drama production, *Twelfth Night*, will be performed on November 14, *15 and 16*. The Carol Services will take place on Wednesday, December 18 and term ends on December 19.

St Andrew's School,
Pangbourne
The Autumn Term begins today. Head of School is Jonathan Cottrell and Deputy Head of School is Jeremy Brettell. The St Andrew's Day Dance will take place on Saturday, November 30. The Junior School performance of *The Wizard of Oz* will take place on December 4, 5 and 6. Term ends with the Carol Service at the Church of St *James the Less, Pangbourne, on* Saturday, December 14.

St George's College, Weybridge
The Christmas Term starts today. Russell Carr is Captain of the School, Mark McLaughlin is *Vice-Captain* and Dominic Elms Head Prefect of the Board*ing House. The open* and information morning for entry *into the first, second and third* forms and also to the joint sixth *form with* St Maur's School will be on Saturday, October 5. Ben Jonson's *The Alchemist* will be performed on Wednesday, 27, Thursday, 28 and Friday, 29 November. Old Georgians' Day and the Carol Service are on Sunday, December 8 and term ends on Friday, December 13.

St Paul's Cathedral Choir School
Autumn Term begins today. *Andrew Staples is Head Boy*. On Sunday, September 8 Richard *Bannan, Connor Burrowes*, Edmund Hill, Timothy Hiller and Matthew Stafford will be admitted to the choir. The Voice Trial is on October 5. Prizegiving is on October 12 when Mr Alan Bennett will present the prizes. The Advent Carol Service is on December 1 and the performance of *Messiah* is on December 10. Term ends for day boys on December 19 and for choristers on December 25.

Talbot Heath
The Autumn Term at *Talbot* Heath begins today, when Mrs *C. Dipple takes up the headship* in succession to Miss C.E. Austin-Smith. The Old Girls' Association meets on Saturday, September 21, at 11.30 am at school and there is a meeting for prospective parents on Saturday, November 30, at 9.30 am. The Senior Carol Service is on Tuesday, December 17, at 2.15 pm.

Woldingham School
The School Year begins today. Anna Maria Vella-Briffa continues as Head Girl. There are 450 girls on roll, including 120 in the sixth form. The Annual Meeting of the Woldingham Parents' and Staff Association will take place on the morning of Saturday, September 21. Old *Girls' Day is on Sunday, October* 13. Further information about Open Day on Saturday, October 12, may be obtained from the Admissions Secretary. The Autumn Term ends on Friday, December 13. Details of the school's 150th Anniversary Celebrations will be published in January *1992*.

Wycombe Abbey School
The Autumn Term starts today, and ends on Wednesday, December 11. The Confirmation Service will be taken by the Bishop of Buckingham on Sunday, November 10, at 3.00 *pm* in All Saints' Parish Church. The Seniors' Carol Service will be at 5.45 pm on Sunday, December 8; tea for Seniors will be served at 4.15 pm in Big School. The Seniors' Association Annual General Meeting will be held in London at the Inner Temple on Friday, September 20, at 6.30 pm followed by a Buffet Supper. Parking is available. For further details please contact Mrs M. Guillebaud, The Grange, Sheepscombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7RH. Applications from external candidates for places in the Sixth Form in September 1992 should be made now to The Admissions Secretary, Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe, HP11 1PE. Applications for Junior School Scholarships 1992 should be made to the Admissions Secreatry by December 5.

Birthdays today

Miss Joan Aiken, novelist, 67; Sir Hubert Bennett, architect, 82; Miss Ann Burdus, marketing and advertising executive, 58; Sir John Charnley, consultant in advanced technology, 69; Lord Dormer, 77; Mrs Ann Dummett, former director, Runnymede Trust, 61; Mr Denis Howell, MP, 68; Sir Nicholas Jackson, *organist*, 57; Mr H.J. Joel, racehorse breeder, 97; Mr Bill Kenwright, theatrical impresario, 46; Mr Dinsdale Landen, actor, 59; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Lee, 79; Sir William Mars-Jones, 76; Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, MP, 54; Lord Sandhurst, 71; Mr Tom Watson, golfer, 42.

Memorial service

Mr John Jerwood
A service of celebration for the life of Mr John Jerwood was held yesterday in the Chapel of Oakham School, Oakham, Leicestershire. The Rev J.N. Darrall, senior chaplain, officiated and the Bishop of Peterborough pronounced the blessing.

Mr G. Smallbone, headmaster, Mr *Michael* Stevens and Mr S.G. Schanschieff, chairman of the school trustees, read the lessons. Mr A.T. Grieve read from the works of Thomas Hardy and pupils of the school read poetry by Shakespeare, Christina Rossetti and Euripides. Mr John Buchanan gave an address.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Francis René, Vicomte de Chateaubriand, politician and writer, St Malo, 1768; Anton Bruckner, composer, Ansfelden, Austraia, 1824; Darius Milhaud, composer, Aix-en-Provence, 1892.

DEATHS: Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, favourite of Elizabeth I, Cornbury, Oxon, 1588; James Wyatt, architect, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1813; Edvard Grieg, composer, Bergen, Norway, 1907; Albert Schweitzer, missionary, physician, philospher and musician, Nobel peace laureate 1952, Lambaréné, Gabon, 1965.

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The way of God is blameless; the Lord's word has stood the test; he is a shield to all who take refuge with him
Psalm 18 : 30 REB

BIRTHS

ALDERSON - On August 24th in Inverness, to Kirstin (née Stevenson) and Alexander a daughter, Lucinda Alexandra Margaret, a sister for Katharine.

BAYLISS - On August 16th, to Maureen and Roger, a son James Richard, a brother for Stephanie.

BRIMELOW - On August 30th, in New York, to Maggy (née Laws) and Peter, a son Alexander, a cousin for Hope.

DOUCET-GIRARD - On August 31st, a son, Pascal, to Sylvie and Raphael, at The Portland Hospital. First grandchild for Dr. Pierre and Claudette Doucet and brother for Nicole, Nathalie and Suzanne.

GRASSICK - On August 28th, to Elisabeth (née Simpson) and David a son, Peter James, a brother for Alexander.

HENDRY - On August 26th, to Annabel (née Milne) and Michael, a son, Jack, a brother for Rosanna, Camilla and Clementine.

HUNTER - On September 2nd 1991, to Clare and Toby, a beautiful daughter Emma Mary Louise.

KELLY - On August 31st 1991, to Margaret and Don, a daughter, Lucy Margaret a sister for Jessica.

MAROUN - On August 28th, at The Portland Hospital, to Odette (née Fadoul) and Antoine, a daughter, Karina Alexandra.

MASON - On September 1st, to Joanna (née Beckly) and Edward, a daughter, Georgina.

McFALL - On August 29th, at The Portland Hospital, to Teresa (née Nimmo) and Hamish, a daughter, Clementine Octavia Teresa, a sister for Roland.

McKEOWN - On August 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary (née Duffy) and Michael, a daughter, Clara Mary. A sister for Teresa.

McLUSKIE - On September 1st, to Sarah (née Deacon) and Peter, a daughter, Celia Rose, sister for Isabel.

NEWMAN - On September 2nd 1991, at Chester, to Anna (née Meacock) and Charles, a son, William James, a brother for Emma and Tom.

NIGHTINGALL - On August 31st to Hilary (née Allen) and Robert, a daughter, Georgina Juliet, a sister for James.

PAINE - On August 30th, at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Fiona (née Cooper) and Edward, a daughter, Laura Hammon, a sister for Sophie.

PAZ - On September 1st, at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra (née Grace) and Marcelo, a daughter, Maria Cecilia.

RESTAINO - On August 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Maricel (née Penney) and Paolo, a daughter, Christina.

SMITH - On August 26th at St Pauls, Cheltenham, to Jane (née Williams) and Martin, a daughter, Rachel Jane.

SPURRIER - On August 14th, at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, to Frances (née Schaefer) and Neil, a son, Charles, a brother for James and Annabel.

SWEIRY - On August 28th, at The Portland Hospital, to Hannah and Eddie, a daughter, Daniella Leanne.

THORP - On August 27th, at The Portland Hospital, to Philippa (née Thomas) and James, a daughter, Laetitia Charlotte Amy, a sister for Camilla and Annabelle.

YEARDLEY - On August 31st, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to Kathryn (née Mitchell) and Duncan, a daughter, Charlotte Rose.

DEATHS

AVERY - On August 29th 1991, suddenly but peacefully of a stroke, Ursula Joyce Avery, M.B., B.S., widow of Bob Avery, mother of Granger and the late Robert Avery and sister of Barbara Jeffery of Salisbury. She will be greatly missed by her many relatives and friends. The funeral will be held at the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Swanage, at 2.15 pm on Thursday September 5th 1991, followed by cremation at Poole. Flowers or donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o James Smith F/D, 60A Kings Road, Swanage tel: (0929) 422445.

DEATHS

BROWNE - On August 21st 1991, Katie, aged 84 years, widow of the late Rev. C.P.M. Browne and beloved mother of Nicky, Eileen and Paul. Sadly missed by us all. Funeral took place on September 2nd 1991.

BLANDON - On August 31st 1991, suddenly at home, Jonathan Edwin, aged 48 years. Loving husband of Laurie Keller and son of Edwin and the late Vera. The funeral service will be held on Friday September 6th at 11 am at Bedford Crematorium to which all friends are respectfully invited. Donations to The Jonathan Blandon Memorial Fund are preferred in lieu of flowers and may be sent c/o B. Hollowell and Son & W K Burbidge Funeral Directors, 148 Beech Avenue, Northampton NN3 2JN.

BROWN - On September 3rd, peacefully at home, Sir Raymond Brown O.B.E. aged 71 years, dearly loved husband of Carol and father of Martin, Alyson and Adrian. Funeral Service at 2pm Wednesday September 11th at Witley Church, Witley, Surrey, prior to interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to The Ronald Raven Chair in Clinical Oncology Trust c/o J. Corringe & Son, 55 Hare Lane, Farncombe, Surrey GU7 3EF.

de ROUGEMONT - On September 3rd 1991, peacefully at home in Hildenborough, Ernest Charles (Hughie) de Rougemont C.B.E., aged 88. Beloved husband of Rosina and dearly loved father of Pamela and Clive. Private funeral at Holy Trinity, Crockham Hill. Memorial Service in London to be announced.

DICKINSON - On August 31st at home, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Eric. Service at Willoughby Church, Friday September 6th 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations may be sent for 'Neurosciences Fund UHN', University Hospital Nottingham.

EMANUEL - On September 2nd 1991, Charles Emanuel CBE, beloved husband of Jennifer and dear father of Sarah Langsford and Michael and Isobel Emanuel. Funeral Service at Edgwarebury Lane Cemetery, Edgware, on Thursday September 5th at 2.30 pm. No flowers.

FURSE - On September 2nd, peacefully, Cicely (Polly), widow of Rear Admiral Paul Furse, at Hegg, aged 92. Private funeral Friday. Thanksgiving Service at Fritillary time.

HARKNESS - On August 31st, with immense courage, Robert Brian, aged 63, formerly of Hendon and lately of Hanworth. Funeral at S.W. Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth, Middlesex, September 9th at noon. Flowers to Lodge Bros., 108 High Street, Feltham, Middlesex. R.I.P.

HOLLINGS - On August 18th, peacefully at Sundridge Hospital, Sundridge, Kent, Phyllis Maud, aged 94, wife of the late James Hollings and dearly beloved mother of Winifred and Mary and grandmother of Richard, Judith and Jonathan, great-grandmother of Ben, Daniel and Jenny-Louise.

HOUSSEMAYNE Du BOULAY - On September 2nd, peacefully, Neville Houssemayne Du Boulay, aged 81.

LENTON - On September 2nd 1991, peacefully, Alan Eric, of Hagnaby. Private family funeral will be held at Hagnaby Church and a Thanksgiving Service will be arranged at a later date.

LORIMER - On September 3rd 1991, at Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh, Michael Lorimer O.B.E., husband of Jean and father of Jane, Susan and Mark. Service in Abercorn Church, near Hopetoun, on Friday September 6th at 3.30 pm, to which all friends are invited.

NAIDOO - On August 25th, after a short illness, in Tibet, Dayanand, husband of Sandhya, father of Tharu, Nimmi and Sathya, grandfather of Robbie, Rohan, Jessica, Nikhil and Toby.

PITTS-TUCKER - On September 2nd, peacefully after a long illness most bravely borne, at St Monica's, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, Barbara Ann, in her 85th year. Much loved by her family and friends. Funeral Service at St Monica's, Tuesday September 10th at 2.15 pm. No flowers please. Donations to Arthritis Council for Research, 41 Eagle Street, WC1R 4AR.

DEATHS

PALGRAVE BROWN - On September 2nd, peacefully in hospital, Alastair, of Redisham, Beccles, Suffolk, dearest twin brother of Alan, dear brother of Ian, much loved uncle and great uncle of Alexandra, Nigel, Mathew and Philip. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Redisham, on Wednesday September 11th at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Harvey Bros Funeral Directors, Kirby Cane, Bungay, Suffolk NR35 2PP (tel: 050845 663).

SHINE - On August 29th, Mark, affectionately known to all who knew him as Monis, of Northampton, beloved husband of Johanna, dearly loved father of David, Martyn and Jacob and dear brother of Jack, Azar, Helen, Julie and Jean. Family funeral, family flowers only. Donations to Breta Dolan Memorial Fund, Westminster Hospital, London SW1.

STOCKER - On August 30th, in hospital after a short illness, Arthur Herbert, Dental Surgeon, late of Golders Green, sadly missed by loving sister Constance. Funeral Service to be held at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Thursday September 5th at 10.20 am.

SWANN - On Monday September 2nd 1991, suddenly in New Zealand, John Timothy Swann, eldest son of the late Canon Alfred Swann, formerly with Port Line and QANTAS. Courageous and generous. Go in peace.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

HALFORD - The funeral service for Peter will take place on Monday September 9th at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Churston Ferrers, near Brixham, Devon at 12.30 pm. No flowers by request, donations if wished for 'The Peter Halford, Peter House Memorial, Cambridge' may be sent to Lloyds Bank, The Strand, Torquay.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MULLIN - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Brigadier Stanley Mullin will be held at the Woolwich Garrison (Old Academy) Church on Wednesday October 16th at 2.15 pm.

TUCKER - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of William Eldon (Bill) Tucker CVO, MBE, TD, FRCS, who died on August 4th in Bermuda, will be held at St Mary's Church, Bryanston Square, London W1, on Thursday October 3rd 1991 at 5 pm.

MARRIAGES

HARRIS:SHEPPARD - The marriage took place on Saturday August 31st at All Saints Church, Bedworth, Warks., between Mr John Harris, eldest son of Mr & Mrs R.M. Harris, of Blackheath, Halesowen and Miss Suzanne Sheppard, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs R. Sheppard, of Bedworth, Warks.

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(Estate about £297,000)

JOYCE, THOMAS MARTIN JOYCE, late of 3 Coates House, Edinburgh Place, Cheltenham, Gloucester died at Cheltenham on 11th November 1988

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KESTEVEN nee NORWOOD, VERA KESTEVEN nee NORWOOD widow late of 19 Bishop Street, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire died at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire on 3rd July 1991

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MAIGNIEN otherwise SERRAND, RENEE MARIE ANAIS MAIGNIEN otherwise RENEE MARIE ANAIS SERRAND otherwise RENEE MARIE SERRAND Spinster late of 168 West Dorset House, Gloucester Place, Camden London NW1 died at Camden on 19th July 1990

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MUKERJI nee GRIFFITH, ELIZABETH PRIMROSE MUKERJI otherwise PRIMROSE ELIZABETH MUKERJI nee GRIFFITH, Single woman late of 102 March Court, Warwick Drive, Putney, London SW15 died at Mortlake, London SW14 on 11th February 1991

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PASTORAL MEASURE 1983

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LEGAL NOTICES

ADAMS BROS & LARCOMBE LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)

Registered Number: 1682306. Nature of business: Electrical Contractors. Trade classification: 27. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 23rd August 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills & Colin George Wiseman (office holder nos 2306 & 6712). Address: Messrs. Booth White, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN.

CROLLA LIMITED
Principal Trading Address: 35 Dover Street, London W1
Company Number 01606173

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 27 August 1991, D L Morgan was appointed Liquidator of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).

Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address under reference: DLM/NDN/EJT.
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DEATH
AASE FRIIS-HANSEN

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This notice is inserted owing to the deceased's overseas financial relations. Particulars regarding the estate, including particulars regarding any assets belonging to the deceased/estate should be forwarded to the personal representative below as soon as possible

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Notice of appointment of liquidator

Voluntary winding up (Creditors) Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986

Company Number: 1912873. Name of company: Joyport Limited. Nature of business: Property Dealers. Address of registered office: Treviot House 186-192 High Road Ilford Essex. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal, Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office holder No: 002685. Date of appointment: 23 August 1991. By whom appointed: The Members and Creditors. Date 28 August 1991.

LEGAL NOTICES

FIRST OVERSEAS INVESTMENT SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS
Registered in England and Wales
Company Number 1675826

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at the SOFITEL HOTEL BISSENVELD STREET 15, 1831 DIEGEM, BRUSSELS Belgium on Thursday 19th September 1991 at 3 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act viz.

(a) to have laid before it a statement as to the affairs of the Company

(b) to nominate one or more insolvency practitioners as liquidator of liquidators and

(c) if thought fit, to establish a liquidation committee

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Dated this 27th day of August 1991
By Order of the Board
C W A M GROSKAMP
Director

GEARGREEN LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Trading As BUCKHURST HILL MERCHANTS
Company Number: 1783141

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA and KEVIN PAUL BARRY, FCA of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Thursday, 22nd August 1991 by Midland Bank Plc under the powers contained in a Debenture incorporating a Fixed and Floating Charge dated 22nd May, 1987.

Dated the 22nd day of August 1991.
K.D. GOODMAN, FCA
and K.P. BARRY, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

IN THE MATTER OF CROWSHORE LIMITED
Trading As CROWN SCAFFOLDING CONTRACTORS
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 3rd day of October 1991, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK, FCA Leonard Curtis & Associates, 20 New Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1UF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 22nd day of August 1991
Philip Monjack, FCA
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER of CROWSHORE LIMITED
Trading As CROWN SCAFFOLDING CONTRACTORS
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Philip Monjack, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Associates, 20 New Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 22nd August 1991.

DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF AUGUST, 1991
Philip Monjack, FCA,
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Associates
Chartered Accountants
20 New Road, Brighton,
East Sussex BN1 1UF.

NOTICE OF CREDITORS' MEETING
IN THE MATTER OF FLINTFIX LIMITED
trading as J.R. HYDRAULIC SERVICES
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of Flintfix Limited will be held at Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ on Wednesday, the 4th day of September 1991 at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 98, 100 and 101.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, during business hours on the 2nd and 3rd days of September 1991 at the offices of Begbie Norton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ.

Dated this 22nd day of August 1991
By Order of the Board
R. McDONALD
Director

NOTE: Proxies together with Proof of Debt, to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the Registered Office of the company at Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1, not later than 12.00 noon on the 3rd day of September 1991.

Please forward to the above address a statement of your claim to assist in the preparation of the Statement of Affairs.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of liquidator

Voluntary winding up (Creditors) Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986

Company Number: 1666111. Name of company: Cheerglaze Limited. Nature of business: Replacement Window Manufacturers. Address of registered office: Treviot House 186-192 High Road Ilford Essex. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal, Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Office holder No. 002685. Date of appointment: 23 August 1991. By whom appointed: The Members and Creditors. Date: 29 August 1991.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Osnaburgh Investments Ltd

Registered Number: 1772336. Former Name of Company: Rabbit Repro Limited. Trading Name: Mustard / Rabbit Repro / The Setting Room. Nature of Business: Typesetting. Trade Classification: 38. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 27 August 1991. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Parkway Group PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: Ian Peter Phillips & David Julian Buchler. Office Holder numbers 2636 & 3134, of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
Chelsea Pavilion Co Ltd

Registered Number: 2216466. Trading Name: (if different from Company Name) Amagansett. Nature of Business: MENS FASHION SHOP. Trade Classification: 11. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 27 August 1991. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Ian Peter Phillips & David Julian Buchler. Office Holder numbers 2636 & 06/3134 of Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF

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The Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186 - 192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Wednesday the 11th September 1991, at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Treviot House, 186 - 192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Monday the 9th September 1991.

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Dated the 23rd day of August 1991
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DATED this 23rd day of August 1991
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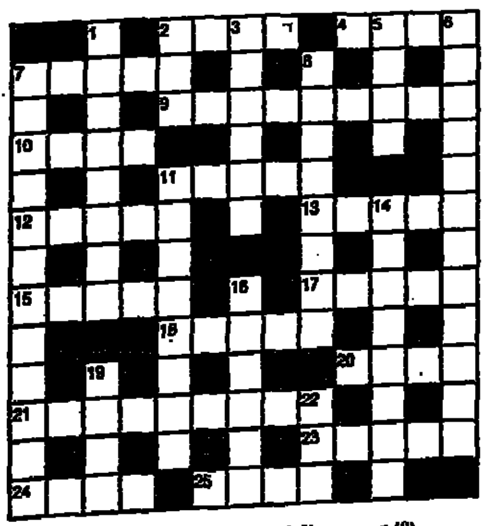

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SEPTEMBER 4 ON THIS DAY 1804

War against Napoleon was on again, and this extract from a leading article leaves no doubt that the paper believed, from the troops that were massed at Boulogne, that an invasion was to be expected. But an almost flippant report in the same edition from Margate paints a picture of life much as usual.

THREAT OF INVASION

The last advices from the coast of France confirm the accounts which we yesterday gave, that the greatest part of the (French) flotilla had retired within the harbour of Boulogne; but this is by no means a proof that the invasion will not be speedily attempted.

Their adventure out of the port is, by some of our contemporaries, considered as a mere experiment. For our own parts we do not regard it in that light; but believe that, had the winds and every other circumstance been favourable, they would have proceeded to bring out the rest of their armament. Perhaps nothing has more completely evinced the sagacity of Bonaparte than the construction of batteries along the whole range of coast in the neighbourhood of Boulogne, which will enable the whole of his craft to assemble in safety, and to arrange themselves in martial array so as to proceed on their voyage the first favourable opportunity...

MARGATE, Sunday Afternoon, September 2:

The weather has undergone a change since Friday, and we have now some pleasant and invigorating breezes. The ocean scenery is more diversified with shipping, and aquatic parties are daily formed. Since the sailing of the *Texel* last Friday no other vessel of war has taken her station on this port: but it is mentioned, that two frigates are to supply her place.

Last night the pier was in a bustle, in consequence of the removal of several carronades, and a considerable quantity of shot, and other warlike stores, which are lodged in the little depots here. They are put on board a vessel for Deal. This naturally assembled numbers of speculators and *quidnuncs*, who made many wonderful discoveries, concerning Bonaparte's preparations and intentions, which spread through the town, and became the fruitful parents of a hundred more.

There is no novelties, this season, in the amusements of Margate. The bathing machines, the pier, and the cliff, divide the occupations of the morning, with the Libraries and Shops; while the evenings are, as usual, devoted to the promenades, the voluntary music, the auctions, and occasionally the play, or the assembly. The little-goes are a good deal regretted by some. To say the truth, the auctions, though much frequented by the fair, are mighty dull things.

Yesterday the amateurs of pleasure were summoned to *Dandelion*, for the benefit of Miss Weippert, who gave a public breakfast, at three shillings and sixpence a head. Besides the performances of Mr and Miss Weippert and Mr Purkis, on the pedal harp and grand piano-forte, the vocal talents of a Mr James, a Miss Stanley and a Miss King were exerted, but to very little effect. The company scarcely amounted to two hundred, and the amusement was very limited indeed; of course the benefit was not very extensive.

This being Sunday morning, it is very pleasing to observe the decorum of the public manners, and the numbers who attend the places of public worship, of which there is here variety enough; as besides the parish church, we have chapels for Roman Catholics, Methodists, and almost every species of dissenters. We certainly are not in want here of places of instruction, and, considering the means of correction are not so numerous, we may take some credit for the general good order of the town. It is, perhaps, rather strange that Margate does not contain a single magistrate; so that if you come to Margate for pleasue, you must go to Ramsgate for justice.

NEW RELEASES

DIVA (15): Jean-Jacques Beineix's 1982 hit about opera, bootleg recordings and the Paris underworld, revived in a new print; a hugely influential exercise in visual chic.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

◆ DYING YOUNG (15): Foolish, manipulative weepie with Julia Roberts in a love quandary over a young man dying of leukaemia. Director, Joel Schumacher.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (0426 914666) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

THE FOUNTAIN: Lively satirical comedy from 1988, surveying Soviet society through the framework of a crumbling apartment block. Director, Yuri Mamin.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

◆ NEW JACK CITY (18): Flashy visual trappings cloak an old-hat plot about a drug baron's rise and fall. With Wesley Snipes, rap singer Ice-T; directed by actor Mario Van Peebles.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15): Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ PUMP UP THE VOLUME (15): Facile drama of high-school *Angst*, with Christian Slater as a pirate radio Messiah inciting teenage rebellion.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

CURRENT

◆ EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG): Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne Wiest, Winona Ryder.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303)

HENRY: PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER (18): Devastating, fly-on-the-wall study of human depravity in Chicago. Director, John McNaughton.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ IN BED WITH MADONNA (18): Exhilarating, eye-opening portrait, shot during her 1990 world tour. Director, Alek Keshishian.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

◆ THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. Directed by David Zucker.
Cannon Baker Street (071-935 9772) Empire (071-497 9999) Plaza (071-497 9999).

◆ NAKED TANGO (18): Vice, depravity and tango dancing in 1920s Buenos Aires. Hollow stylistic exercise from writer-director Leonard Schrader. Starring Mathilda May, Vincent D'Onofrio.
Cannons: Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES II: THE SECRET OF THE OOZE (PG): Live-action Turtles fighting evil in New York, though with less violent frenzy than before. Action-packed for youngsters; director, Michael Pressman.
Odeons: Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-586 3057) Whiteleys (071-792 3303).

◆ TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY (15): Good robot Arnold Schwarzenegger battles bad robot Robert Patrick. A fine showpiece for special effects, but the humans get short shrift. Director, James Cameron; with Linda Hamilton.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ THELMA & LOUISE (15): Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

YOUNG SOUL REBELS (18): Seductively shot but unwieldy stew of soul music, murder mystery, racial and sexual politics, set in Jubilee Britain, 1977. A first mainstream feature for director Isaac Julien.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ THE BOYS FROM SYRACUSE: Rodgers and Hart musical based on *The Comedy of Errors* ebulliently played with fab costumes. Final performances.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. 150mins.

☐ BLUE NIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE WEST: Naive Scot poleaxed by aberrant love in Iowa. James Stock's brisk, bizarre comedy; splendid acting.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ BRAND: Roy Marsden in dour Ibsen drama set in a dark fiord.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 180mins.

☐ THE CARETAKER: Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ THE COUP: Norman Beaton as a deposed president in Mustapha Matura's quirky study of Trinidad politics.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 145mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: New cast takes over in Brian Friel's Olivier memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ DICKENS' WOMEN: Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats 4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins. Final week.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ NAPOLI MILIONARIA: Ian McKellen a striking figure in Eduardo de Filippo's richly textured, end-of-war drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 175mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ 70, GIRLS, 70: Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ TANGO AT THE END OF WINTER: Alan Rickman troubled by memories in decorative but hollow Ninagawa drama.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ TRAVELLING TALES: John Sessions in sprightly, mind-hopping show based on his television series, *Tall Tales*.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.45pm. 120mins.

☒ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☐ WHEN SHE DANCED: Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☒ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☒ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ☐ The Women in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS: The Royal Shakespeare Company stages a play by leading American playwright Sam Shepard. Reflecting Shepard's fascination with country and western life, the play tells the story of an American family living in a harsh society out West. Top RSC actress Susan Fleetwood features in a cast directed by Hampstead Theatre director Robin Lefevre, designs by Kenny Miller. The production begins previews tonight and opens next Wednesday.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm.

LONDON CITY BALLET: Despite its small size and limited resources, London City Ballet now regularly has leading dancers from Moscow and Leningrad as members or guests. The company's considerable success last season has been followed by a large-scale sponsorship package from Barclays Bank and the 1991/2 season begins with a new production of *Romeo and Juliet*, choreographed by Ben Stevenson. Tonight's soloists are Jane Sanig as Juliet and Bolshoi Ballet recruit Stanislav Tchassov as Romeo.
Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage, Herts (0438 354568), 7.45pm.

WERTHER: Keith Warner's 1987 production of Jules Massenet's romantic opera is revived by the English National Opera. Arthur Davies gives a credible performance as the poet Werther, who kills himself because the lady he loves is married to somebody else. Anne-Marie Owens splendidly plays his heart's desire. Massenet's full-blooded sounds make this worth catching. Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm

BBC PROMS: Violinist Gidon Kremer makes his Proms debut with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra performing Sofia Gubaidulina's *Offertorium*. Simon Rattle also conducts Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), 7.30pm.

SILK CUT TOUR: The final instalment of the Silk Cut Tour brings together the formidable modern jazz saxophonist Branford Marsalis on a bill with the fast-rising American pianist Marcus Roberts.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

PETER GREENAWAY: Film director Peter Greenaway gives a National Platform talk on his recently released film *Prospero's Books*, based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.
Olivier Theatre, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (071-928 2252), 6pm.

CINDY SHERMAN: One of the few photographers to have broken completely into the fine art sphere, Sherman (born 1954) belongs to the generation brought up with art based on pastiche, parody and kitsch. Most of her pictures, except the most recent, are self-portraits, with Sherman appearing as the heroines of Hollywood B-movies, as victims of various kinds and as characters (male and female) from Old Master paintings.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel Road, London E1 (071-377 0107), 11am-8pm, until September 22.

INDIAN MINIATURES: The classic Indian miniature sprang into being in 1615 when Elizabethan and Jacobean miniatures were first brought to India as gifts for Emperor Jahangir. Indian examples incorporated native conventions of portraiture, and there was a flourishing tradition until the late 19th century. The India Office, part of the British Library, has one of the best collections in the world.
British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC2 (071-323 7111), 10am-5pm, until September 15.

Homing in on madness

TRISTRAM KENTON

Losing their heads: Tom Mannion and Matthew Zajac in *Blue Night*

THEATRE

Blue Night in the Heart of the West
Bush

AN EARLY scene in this fresh, quirky play is set somewhere in the Atlantic, on the boat taking young Andrew MacAlpine away from the Countess of Sutherland's gardens, where he has snipped through the necks of all her topiary chicks with his shears. His great-grandpappy appears to him, dancing on the ocean, and advises the lad, as any good ancestor would, not to arrive in America wearing a kilt. Even wearing trews, however, MacAlpine suffers serious psychic harm in New York but keeps trudging west, his *Holy Grail being the MacAlpine* Mountains in Nevada.

A few scenes are set in the state of Nevada, where strange-eyed Kristin reads palms: her general advice to women is to slay their menfolk, and to men to slay themselves. Her lifeline crosses the exhausted MacAlpine's, whose mountains turn out to be bare rock; and because he is now dressed as a Roman Catholic priest the two of them fall in love, marry and go off for the honeymoon to her childhood farm in Epiphany, Iowa. Here, in the heart of the West, with flat horizons in the far ground and dead hogs in the foreground, here on one long Thanksgiving Day, most of the fierce, grotesque action takes place.

James Stock's play has to do with people's search for a home. I think. The handbill says so and handbills should know. MacAlpine is certainly looking, and Kristin rejoins her mother and twin brother Carl after ten years' absence; Mom's home is probably in the past and associated with her dead husband, whose connubial duties are now performed by Carl, eagerly but not without the occasional threat to leave: "One day you'll wake up and I won't be in your bed." He and his twin sister are "tied by a violent chemistry". No prizes for guessing what that means, though unexpectedly it leaves him when last seen supine on the Thanksgiving board with fruit salad stuck in his mouth and up both nostrils.

The four players who present the misadventures of these characters give exceptionally bracing performances, and Stock has been intelligently served by his director, Sallie Aprahamian. She uses directional lighting as a theatrical equivalent of the close-up, illuminating on an otherwise dark stage the twitching claw of a deranged priest's hand, or an antique horn gramophone playing scratchy songs by Peggy Lee.

One corner of the stage on Anthony Lamble's simple, almost bare set, is cut off with a gauze on to which at the start is projected a luridly red dawn and the misty silhouette of farm and fence. The first half opens, as does the second, with a vehemently realistic act of love where the characters say little but "Oh!" and "Ah!", like those telephone sex tales one sometimes dials by mistake. As various women, but chiefly the mad mother and alarming daughter, Lynne Verrall and Virginia Radcliffe speak their disconcerting prairie wisdom with the conviction of those whose mental roots draw nourishment from a dark and private source. Their smiles are sweet and chilling.

Matthew Zajac plays the victim of *galloping culture shock*, and Tom Mannion the loving son and brother, fluently translating Wittgenstein into Iowa-talk one minute, and draining a pig of blood the next. Stock over-eggs his mixture now and then but his colourful, witty language and fevered imagination comes up with a succession of unsuspected developments; it is also deathly funny. The message seems to be: home may seem a bad deal but push into someone else's and you need to be half mad to keep sane.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

Talking in Tongues
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court

IN AN upstairs room at a London party, a black man has sex with his white friend's lover while his own black girlfriend, unseen, looks on; later, in Jamaica, a white girl has her pigtail shorn off in an act of vengeful humiliation by two black women. This does not sound like the world of Jane Austen; but, *mutatis mutandis*, Winsome Pinnock's delicate yet tough minded exploration of sexual ethics is very much in that tradition of English female moralists.

There is, of course, a dimension absent in Austen: the play's main concern is ostensibly the way colour impinges on sexual relationships. On this score Pinnock has interesting and cogent, if not exactly startling, things to say. Black men may go out with white women in the vain hope that some of that ineffable superiority will rub off on them. Bentley, caught *in flagrante* with white Fran, is sent packing with the scornful remark, "Go to bed with her; and then get a shock in the morning when you look in the mirror and see your face is still black." When black women go to bed with white men they may feel ashamed that they have betrayed their sex and their race by succumbing to their historical oppressors.

But the truly impressive thing about Pinnock's writing is the way facile generalisations and easy campaigning slogans are constantly being undermined in the slippery, muddy terrain of real life. Bentley may sleep with Fran because he wants to be white; but it is possible that they are a perfect match, two dynamic, work orientated achievers (superbly played by Nicholas Monu and Lizzy McInnerny) frustrated by their less tough, more tentative partners. Curly may feel betrayed when she takes Fran's cast-off Jeff (a splendid study in feckless self-mistrust by Neil Dudgeon) as lover, but how much that has to do with colour and how much with other factors of character and circumstance is not easy to decide.

As the title hints, this measured and ambitious play (unfussily directed by Hettie Macdonald) is as much concerned with language as with colour. Out in Jamaica, Leela does eventually babble like a born-again Christian, but the other tongues are levels of language, Jamaican dialect, black south-London idiom and self-righteous, white middle-class speak. Leela feels that she has no real first language, that words stick in her throat like lumps of porridge; her lover Bentley complains to Fran of Leela's inability to get beyond small-talk.

Pinnock offers no Austen-like resolution, but some wonderfully atmospheric writing about Jamaica harks back to the lyrical opening prologue, the story of three washer women spoken in dialect, as if incorporating Caribbean culture in a rich new blend of English. Now if what can be achieved on the level of language can be extended to relationships . . .

HARRY EYRES

PROMS

LPO/Orchestre de Paris
Albert Hall/Radio 3

AFTER my attack on Franz Welser-Möst the other day, along comes Klaus Tennstedt, frail to the point that he now requires a stool to conduct from, to prove my points with the same orchestra, the **London Philharmonic**, in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Here was the perfect example of a conductor whose calibre is such that with the merest flick of a finger, or indeed of an eyebrow, he is able to draw a dramatic response.

Though he is adulated, he clearly adores the music he conducts. The power, intellect and emotion that lay behind this reading, the sense that it was an adventure which took us just a little further inside the piece than we had been before, and the very fact that Tennstedt was plainly determined to make the performance something memorable, made it exactly that.

He succeeded in thrilling us anew with the boldness of Beethoven's concept by means of meticulous judgment. With what masterly sense of theatre, for instance, he handled that shocking transition from an A major chord to an F major one in the finale — not too much delay, but certainly not too little either.

How thrilling it was, moreover, to be hurled from the slow movement, given with an impetus which steered it clear of sentimentality yet which still allowed it an autumnal, earthly feel, straight into the finale with not the slightest hint of a pause for breath; and how cleverly Tennstedt turned what in lesser hands can seem a sprawling last movement, forever stopping and starting, into a convincing alternation of celebration and meditation.

Aided by an alert, on-form LPO, he was equally astute with most of the fine detail, though once or twice in an unremittingly energetic scherzo, in which Russell Jordan's brilliant and appropriately hard-toned timpani playing ruthlessly hammered out the dotted rhythms like machine-gun fire, there were little slips of ensemble; in the trio the cellos went slightly awry for a moment. But the precise double dottings of the trumpets in the first movement, a monumental vision of some cosmic convulsion, and, in contrast, the care with which, for instance, oboe would be dovetailed with flute pointed to Tennstedt's fine ear, careful rehearsal, and an obviously keen response on the part of the players to an obviously great conductor.

That keenness of response applied equally to the combined and splendid forces of the Brighton Festival Choir and the London Philharmonic Choir, both of them obviously thoroughly trained and producing the ideal sound for such a piece, with only the merest hint of strain from the tenors high in their register. (Why Welser-Möst wants to change the character, and the regularity of commitments, of the London Philharmonic Choir is something beyond my comprehension.) The soloists — Jane Eaglen, Kathleen Kuhlmann, Anthony Rolfe Johnson and the huge-voiced John Tomlinson — were also first-rate.

Beside such a performance, Semyon Bychkov's flaccid conducting of the **Orchestre de Paris** for the same composer's "Emperor" Concerto, with Philippe Bianconi a patient, insufficiently tough soloist, paled into insignificance the following evening. Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony yielded more convincing a sense of drama and brought out the best of an excellent orchestra as, on Monday night, did Dutilleux's exquisitely scored and shapely Second Symphony.

Alas, not even the meaty prospect of Strauss's *Also sprach Zarathustra*, given a respectable though scarcely overwhelming reading, could entice those masses whom Dutilleux, for some inexplicable reason, had obviously dissuaded, and the hall was almost empty.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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WORD-WATCHING

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CONTUBERNAL
(c) *Living together in the same tent*, from the Latin *cum* with + *taberna* a hut: "Frequently monogamous — the contubernal relationship being dissoluble at the will of the male."

BLEWITS
(c) A kind of edible mushroom of the *Tricholoma* family, lilac-coloured when young, from *blue*, cf. French *bluet* applied to flowers: "*Agaricus violaceus* is sold in Covent Garden market under the name of blewits, for making catsup."

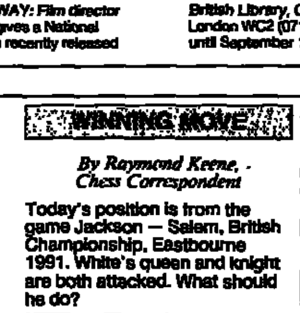
TURNDUN
(c) The Australian bull-roarer, a flattish, fish-*shaped piece of wood fastened by one end to a* thong, which when whirled around makes a peculiar penetrating roaring sound, the Kurnai word: "The living Australian savage as he twirls the turndun, bedaubs himself with clay."

SCOPOPHOBIA
(a) Fear of being looked at, from the Greek *skopeein* to view + *phobos* fear: "The obscure psychical processes implicit in the repression of scopophobia and in visual disturbance."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Jackson — Salem, British Championship, Eastbourne 1991. White's queen and knight are both attacked. What should he do?



Solution: 1 Nxb7 Bxd2 2 Bxd2 (2 Nxe5 Bxe5 is only equal) and the black queen is trapped, viz 2 ... Qa4 3 Nc5+, so black loses a piece

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7.00 Hospital Watch. Sarah Greene, Maggie Philbin, Mike Smith and Robbie Vincent focus on the accident and emergency department at London's Hammersmith hospital
7.30 Come Dancing '91. Angela Rippon and Charles Nove host the final from Blackpool's Tower Ballroom. London South and Liverpool compete to the accompaniment of Andy Ross and his Orchestra. (Ceefax)
8.00 Bergerac: Something to Hide. Jersey Jim (John Nettles) is invited to a fashion show by his girlfriend's cousin, who is subsequently accused of murdering a client (r). (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View. Anne Robinson airs viewers' comments on BBC television programmes
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. **Regional News** and weather
9.30 Hospital Watch. A report on the professor of surgery's day in the theatre at Hammersmith hospital

Bountiful action: De Niro, Grodin and Ashton (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Midnight Run (1988). Tough and gripping comedy thriller from *Beverly Hills Cop* director Martin Brest, with the strong language toned down for television. Bail-jumping embezzler Charles Grodin gives cynical bounty-hunter Robert De Niro a run for his money, with the Mafia, FBI, and a rival bounty-hunter (John Ashton) in hot pursuit. (Ceefax). Wales: Rugby Union — Wales v France; 10.35-12.40am *Film: Midnight Run*
12.05am Weather

BBC 2

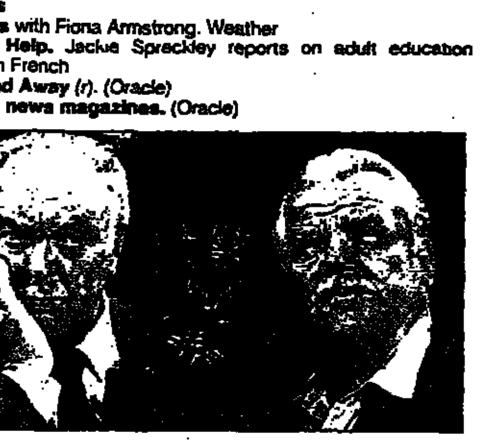
6.45 Open University: Energy Resources — Alternatives. Ends at **7.35**
8.00 News
8.15 Film: The Lost Patrol (1934, b/w). John Ford's stirring first world war drama about a British cavalry patrol which loses its way in the Mesopotamian desert and becomes prey to Arab snipers and the scorching sun. Starring Victor McLaglen and Boris Karloff
9.25 Holiday Outings: Caledonian Canal. Eamonn Holmes explores the beauty of the Scottish Highlands by boat (r)
9.30 TUC Conference '91. Economy day at the TUC, with debates on education, training and economic issues. Presented by Vivian White, Nicholas Jones and Ian Smith
12.45 *One Mad Dash.* *Do West Country commuters to London have the best of both worlds?* (r)
1.15 England: Fishermen All. A photographic record from 1928-34 (r)
1.20 Mr Benn. Cartoon (r)
1.35 Discovering Birds: A Home of Your Own. Birdwatching with *Tony Soper (r)*
2.00 TUC Conference '91. Vivian White, Nicholas Jones and Ian Smith introduce debates on the economy, including a statutory national minimum wage. Including at **3.00 News** and weather **3.50 News** and weather, regional news and weather
5.00 Drawing the Line. *How the British Transport Police is trying to eradicate graffiti* (r)
5.30 John Tovey's Entertaining on a Plate: A Supper for Friends. In the first of a new series, the cookery expert demonstrates to amateurs the enjoyment of preparing an autumn supper for guests at home
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation — Manhunt. Science fiction adventure series with the crew of the USS Enterprise. Counsellor Troi's mother sets her sights on Captain Picard. Starring Patrick Stewart and Marina Sirtis. (Ceefax)
6.45 Def II: Rough Guide to Careers — Design. Danielle Lux and Raj Dhanda look at specialist areas of design, from graphic and textile to designing cars and computer games. Plus tips on photography and how to become an art director on pop promos
7.35 Def II: Gimme Eight. Lisa L'Anson presents a new series of the programme featuring cult youth programmes from around the world. Today, *Yearbook*, an American series which gives an insight into life at Glenbard West High School
8.05 Reaching for the Skies: Victory Over the Sea. Anthony Quayle narrates the history of aviation. The penultimate programme traces *the wartime role of aircraft which can operate from ships at sea (r).* (Ceefax)

At the mercy of the IRA: Ian Bannen and pigeon (9.00pm)

9.00 *ScreenPlay: Arise and Go Now.*
● CHOICE: An Irish black comedy by Owen O'Neill takes its dramatic life into its hands by choosing as its targets not only the Catholic Church but also the IRA and manages to emerge in one piece. Along the way there are some nicely irreverent jokes mixed *with serious points about the need to assert individual* dignity. The tone is set early when an IRA attempt to blow up a lorry full of sausages only succeeds in detonating a quartet of poets. Poetry bulks large, with the local IRA chief even more devoted to W.B. Yeats than he is to the cause. O'Neill, an alternative comedian making his début in television drama, encapsulates his theme in the characters of a young terrorist (Michael Liebmann) and a parish priest (John Kavanagh), who find common cause in kicking over their respective traces. Ian Bannen scores as a pigeon fancier whose favourite bird is killed by an IRA bullet. (Ceefax)
10.10 ScreenPlay Firsts: Big Swinger. A comedy by Declan Recks, from the Don Laoghaire College of Art, continues the series of graduation films. Tom Hickey plays Jimmy, whose pirate radio station broadcasts begin to interfere with passing aeroplanes
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 Brecon Jazz '91. Jools Holland listens to the jazz-rock sound of Steve Smith and Vital Information, and the Twenties-style jazz of Swedish band Kustbandet
11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Literature in the Modern World — Changing Voices. Ends at **12.30am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Runway. Richard Madeley hosts the holiday quiz **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion programme
10.40 This Morning. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the daily magazine programme. Including at **10.55 ITN News** headlines **11.55 Thames News** and weather
12.10 Allsorts. Children's entertainment (r)
12.30 ITN News with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle)
1.50 A Country Practice 2.20 Take the High Road
2.50 Give Us a Clue. Michael Parkinson hosts the charades game Team captains Liza Goddard and Lionel Blair are joined by guests Susie Blake, Ross Davidson, Derek Griffiths, Adrienne Posta, Mike Read and Judi Spiers **3.15 ITN News** headlines **3.20 Thames News** *headlines*
3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian drama set in a city hospital
3.55 Grotbags. The wicked green witch from *Emu's World* hosts her own show **4.15 Garfield and Friends** (r) **4.40 Woof!** Children's drama series about a boy who turns into a dog (r). (Oracle)
5.10 Blockbusters. *Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for teenagers*
5.40 ITN News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley reports on adult education classes in French
6.00 Home and Away *(r). (Oracle)*
6.30 Regional news magazines. (Oracle)

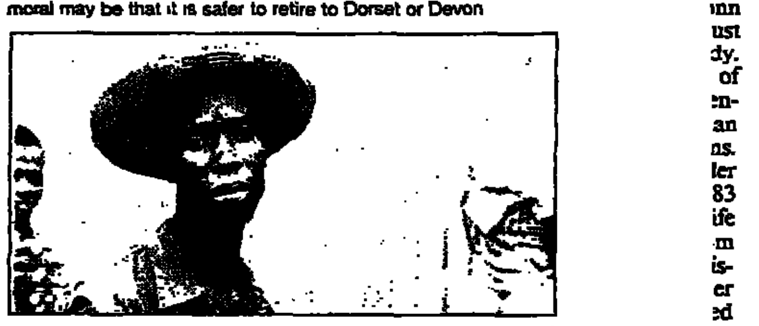


Old adversaries: Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies (7.00pm)

7.00 Never the Twain: Viva España.
● CHOICE: Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies are back as the rival antiques dealers in the eleventh series of a sitcom, whose appeal must surely be due to its ability to offer simple and predictable fare. From the moment when Oliver's assistant, Ringo, wins a Spanish holiday for two in a raffle the plotting runs along comfortably familiar lines. We have been here before and the enjoyment comes from recognition and not surprise. The narrative is helped along by standard jokes on obvious targets, such as the inability of Britons to speak foreign languages, and Sinden's *extensive repertoire of pulled faces. But the show is not to be* despised just because it fails to break new ground. Vince Powell's script may be unambitious, but it has the considerable virtue of pace and a neat dramatic shape which ensures that the characters will be back in place for next week's episode. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. *(Oracle)*
8.00 Film: Big Trouble in Little China (1986). Likeable kung-fu spoof, set in San Francisco's Chinatown. Truck driver Kurt Russell and sidekick Dennis Dun fight an evil Chinese magician, who has kidnapped Dun's fiancée (Kim Cattrall). Directed, with a light touch *and plenty of pace, by horror expert John Carpenter. (Oracle)*
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.40 Thames Sport Special. Nick Owen presents football highlights, and boxing from London's York Hall. Plus the latest news of the forthcoming *Rugby World Cup*
12.15am Film: The Comancheros (1961). Stirring western with John Wayne as a Texas Ranger who joins forces with his gambler prisoner (Stuart Whitman) to clean up the Comancheros, a band of outlaws supplying liquor and guns to the Indians. The last film directed by *Michael (Casablanca)* Curtiz
2.15 America's Top Ten. Casey Kasem counts down the ten top-selling albums of 1990
2.40 Videofashion: Men — Viewpoint. Fashion magazine
3.10 Quiz Night. The pubs and clubs quiz
3.40 Horse Trials: The Pedigree Super League. David Bobin presents the fourth event from King's Somborne in Hampshire
4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Newsreel footage from September 1941
5.00 Witness to Survival: Jerry and Sis Levin/Tom Trantham. A new series focusing on individuals who survive against the odds
5.30 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily
9.25 Film: King Solomon's Mines (1937, b/w). Slow-moving but solidly acted version of H. Rider Haggard's classic African adventure. Cedric Hardwicke plays the great white hunter, leading the search for the diamond mines, with Paul Robeson in fine form (and voice) as the African chief. Directed by Robert Stevenson
10.55 Famous for 4 Minutes. *Ordinary people talk about their lives*
11.00 Fragile Earth: The Hanging Gardens of Arabia. The human and environmental disaster which faces the Yemen (r). (Teletext)
12.00 In Search of Scotland's Larder. Last in the series
12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street (r)
2.00 Changing Faces: Painting for Posterity. Portrait painting in the Victorian era (r). (Teletext)
2.30 Film: Canadian Pacific (1949). Routine western starring Randolph Scott as a railroad surveyor, fighting off trappers as he charts a route for the Canadian Pacific Railway through the *Rockies. Directed by Edwin L. Marin*
4.20 The Great Time. Yugoslavian Milan Trenc's animated social satire in which a piggy-bank comes to life
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers game **5.00 Willo the Wisp.** Magical cartoon adventure (r)
5.05 *The Oprah Winfrey Show: A Fortune in Your Attic.* *Oprah talks* to people who have accidentally come across hidden treasures
6.00 Kate and Allie: Re-Runs. American comedy starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin as two New York divorcées
6.30 sixthirtysomething. Ann Bryson and Maria McErlane present the showbusiness magazine, featuring pop star Prince in concert at Blenheim Palace, and the latest film releases
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. Weather **7.50 Comment**
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext)
8.30 Check Out '91.
● *CHOICE: The consumer programme visits the Spanish holiday* island of Tenerife, where in the past decade some 30,000 Britons have bought properties, attracted by the climate, the night life and seductive promotional videos featuring the likes of Frank Bough. But many of the developments have run into trouble, leaving a litter *of partly-finished buildings and some very dissatisfied customers.* The golf and country club said by Mr Bough to guarantee quality from start to finish was built in its first stage without damp courses and with an open sewage system. The developers eluded attempts by the programme to interview them and the members of *the club have raised £100,000 to pursue the matter* in the courts. The Spanish government's man on the island admits that people have been let down but claims that 85 per cent are satisfied. The moral may be that it is safer to retire to Dorset or Devon



Recipient of Malawi's generosity: Mozambique refugee (9.00pm)

9.00 The Dispossessed: A World on the Move.
● CHOICE: A four-part series from Yorkshire Television's *First Tuesday* team looks at some of the 35 million people across the globe who have been uprooted from their homelands by war, famine or persecution. The number of refugees has doubled in the past decade but funds supplied by the rich nations to help them have nothing like kept pace. Tonight's programme focuses on Malawi, which has received some million victims of the civil war in Mozambique. It is a tragic story of people fleeing one poor country only to set root in another and Malawi's generosity to its guests has only increased the suffering of its own people. Feeding the refugees is the job of the United Nations. It is also obliged to provide shelter and security. But the funding of the UN High Commission for Refugees is at a bare minimum and the first world is under attack for giving the issue such a low priority
10.00 The Golden Girls: If At Last You Do Succeed . . . Sparkling American comedy about four Miami matrons
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. A duel of words with former MP and best-selling author Jeffrey Archer and comedian Harry Enfield (r)
11.05 Nightingales: Scrutiny of the Bounty. Robert Lindsay stars in the so-so comedy about night security watchmen (r)
11.35 Frank's Place: Frank's Place — The Movie. Weak American comedy about a college professor (Tim Reid) turned restaurateur
12.05am Mission Eureka: Mainframe Murder. Concluding episode of the drama set in a European space station. Ends at **1.00**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 10.40-12.15am Midweek Sport

BORDER

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 One to One 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.25 Border 30 6.30-7.00 *Blockbusters 10.40* Granada Soccer Night 12.15am Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.10 *CinemAttractions 2.35* Film: Five Weeks in a Balloon 4.30 About Britain 4.55 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 10.40 Central Sports Special 12.25am Film: Something to Hide 2.05 Philip Marlowe: Private Eye 3.00 Hour of Decision 4.30-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Granada Soccer Night 12.15am Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: Five Weeks in a Balloon 4.30 About Britain 4.55 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40-12.15am Central Sports Special

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 10.40-12.15am Top Sport Midweek Sports Special

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 Yan Can Cook 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Tighinn Troimhe 10.45 Film: Deathtrap 12.55am The Irish Game 1.55 Coach 2.25 Artworks 3.25 Film: Out of Duty 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Graham Kerr 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 The TSW Midweek Match 12.15am Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: Five Weeks in a Balloon (Peter Lorre, Red Buttons) 4.30 About Britain 4.55 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40-12.15am Midweek Sport

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 On The Wild Side 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.30 Northern Life 10.40 Magnum 11.40 The Forum Presents 12.15am Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: Five Weeks in a Balloon 4.30 About Britain 4.55 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.40 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Sportsweek 12.15am Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: Five Weeks in a Balloon 4.30 About Britain 4.55 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 The European Match 11.40 The Equalizer 12.35am The Twilight Zone 1.30 Coach 2.00 Quiz Night 2.30 Profile 3.00 Comedy Tonight *3.25 Music Box* 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 9.25am Sbectol 9.30 Sesame Street 10.30 Film: Mr Denning Drives North 12.00 The Big 8 12.30pm Newyddion *12.40 Slot Meithrin* 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Go Fishing 2.30 Film: Canadian Pacific (Randolph Scott, Jane Wyatt) 4.20 The Great Time 4.30 Kate and Allie 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pensewde 7.00 Perthyn 7.30 Os Mets Rygbi Rhyngwladol 9.30 Newyddion 9.55 Film: Act of Necessity 11.45 Clive Anderson Talks Back 12.20am Cheers 12.50 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 3.10pm News followed by The Forum Presents 4.05 News followed by Emmerdale 4.35 Father Brown 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.30 Charley Chase 6.40 Film: Africa Screams (Bud Abbott, Lou Costello) 8.05 Life Goes On 9.00 News 9.20 Voice of the Heart 11.15 Late News 11.25 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 3.05 Mother Goose 3.20 Sniffles The Mouse 3.30 Potsworth and Co 3.55 The Chipmunks Go to the Movies 4.25 Happy Birthday 4.35 Danger Bay 5.00 Catalyst 5.30 Young Sherlock 6.00 Gentle Ben 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Poetry Book 7.05 Perfect Strangers 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Villages of the Rain Forest 8.30 Who's The Boss? 9.00 Bagdad *Cafe 9.25 News 9.30 Dempsey and* Makepeace 10.25 Golf: Preview of the Walker Cup 11.15 News 11.40 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Anything for Money 8.00 "V" 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Hitchhiker 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Twist in the Tale 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● *Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.* News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Fashion TV 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 *Our World 3.30 Our World The Countryside* Show 4.30 Fashion TV 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Fashion TV 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase. Incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 *Anything to Survive* (1990) Based on the true story of a family who were shipwrecked off the Alaskan coast
12.00 Ghostbusters 2 (1989) Extravagant sequel to the 1984 original
2.00pm Not Just Another Affair (1982): A young woman desperately searches for the perfect man
4.00 Breaking Away (1979): Four high-school boys spend their last summer together. Starring Dennis Christopher and Dennis Quaid
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Fire: Trapped on the 37th Floor (1991). True-life drama, which bears an uncanny resemblance to *Towering Inferno*
8.00 Everybody's All-American (1988): The story of three friends over a 30-year period Starring Dennis Quaid, Jessica Lange and Timothy Hutton
10.10 Hamburger . . . The Motion Picture (1986): Comedy about the only school in America that specialises in the running of a hamburger franchise
11.45 Porky's 2: The Next Day (1983): More havoc from the original group
1.20am Cat Chaser (1989): Peter Weller stars as a former marine who is drawn into a deadly plot
2.50 Never on Tuesday (1988): A pair of brash teenagers hitches up with a young woman to drive across the desert. Starring Claudia Christian and Martin Sheen
4.20 Buy and Cell (1987): A stockbroker, in *prison for a crime he did not commit, sets up* a successful business from behind bars. Starring Robert Carradine. Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● *Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.*
6.15am Fools' Parade (1971): James Stewart stars as a former convict who decides to go straight
8.15 Where the Lilies Bloom (1974): When their father dies, four children decide to keep *his death from the authorities*
10.15 My Side of the Mountain (1969): A teenager runs away from his Canadian home to get closer to nature
12.15pm Transformers: The Movie (1986): Animated adventure
2.15 The Big Knife (1955): A writer discovers the perils of taking on the Hollywood hierarchy. Starring Jack Palance
4.15 The Care Bears Adventures in Wonderland (1987): Cartoon fun
5.50 Spotlight
6.15 *Pirates of Dark Water* (1990): Swash-*buckling animated adventure*
8.15 Flowers in the Attic (1987): The horrific *story of four young children who spend most* of their childhood locked in the attic of a sprawling mansion
10.05 The Deer Hunter (1978): The harrowing story of four friends who leave their mountain home to fight in Vietnam
1.10am Drugstore Cowboy (1989): Matt Dillon stars as a drug addict desperately trying to lick the habit
2.55 Slaves of New York (1989): A look at the lives of some struggling artists in the big apple. Starring Chris Sarandon
5.00 Sweet Lies (1987): Treat Williams plays a young man in Paris on business who is pursued by two beautiful French girls. Ends at 6.30

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
11.00am Watersports World 12.00 American Sports Cavalcade 1.00pm Kick 2.00 *WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 US Open* Tennis 7.00 Skol Cup Soccer 9.30 NFL American Football 11.30 US Open Tennis Live

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Athletics 3.00 Powerboats 3.30 Old Cars 4.00 Golf: European Open 6.00 Longboard Biarritz 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Trans World Sport 8.00 Funboard 8.30 Athletics 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Tenpin Bowling 8.00 Spanish Football Highlights 8.30 Tenpin Bowling 9.30 *Eurobics 10.00* Stop Surfing 10.20 Stop Offshore Powerboat Racing *10.45 Tele-Schuss '92 11.00 World Snooker* Classics 1.00pm Gol 2.00 International Cycling 3.00 Hippodrome French Horse Racing 3.30 Enduro World Championships 4.00 Tenpin Bowling 4.30 Sport de France 5.00 Stop Surfing 5.20 Stop Budweiser Jet *Ski Tour 5.45 Tele-Schuss '92 6.00* American College Football 7.00 Revs 7.30 British Touring Car Championships 8.00 FIA International F3000 Championships 9.00 US PGA Golf Tour 10.00 Johnnie Walker Golf Report 10.10 Major League Baseball 12.10am British Formula 3 Championships 12.40 Hippodrome French Horse Racing

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Simply Marvellous 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 The Tony Awards 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Mothers-in-Law 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision *Shopping Programme 12.00* Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55 Open University (**FM** only): Social Science Foundation Course
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Liszt (Liebestraum La Campanella: Jorge Bolet, piano); Leoncavallo (*I Zampognari* Pagliacci: Chorus and Orchestra of Santa Cecilia Academy under Lamberto Gardelli); Strauss (Prelude, Sextet from Capriccio): Members of the Scottish National Orchestra)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Ravel (Frontispiece: Alfons and Aloys Kontarsky, piano); Janáček (Suite, Mladi: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra); Paganini (Violin Concerto No 2 in B minor, La Campanella: Salvatore Accardo; London Philharmonic *Orchestra under* Dutoit)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Dvořák. Terzetto in C, Op 74 (Salvatore Accardo, violin, Margaret Batjer, violin, Toby Hoffman, viola); Dobru Noc, in Folk Tone, Op 73 No 1 (Lucia Popp, soprano); Piano Quintet No 2 in A, Op 81: Josef Hala; Smetana *Quartet)*
9.35 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Fucik (March, Under the Admiral's Flag: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra under Neumann); Handel (Sonata in C, Op 1 No 7: Michala Petri, recorder, Graham Sheen, bassoon, George Malcolm, harpsichord); Lekeu (Symphonic Fantasy on Two Folk Songs from *Anjou: Monte* Carlo PO under Jordan); Schubert (Piano Sonata in A flat, D 557: Wilhelm Kempff, piano); Coleridge-Taylor (Hiawatha's *Departure: Welsh* National Opera Orchestra and Chorus under Kenneth Alwyn, with Helen Field, soprano, Arthur Davies, tenor, Bryn Terfel, baritone); Debussy (Images, Book 1: Fou Ts'ong, piano); Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D, Op 25, Classical: Scottish National Orchestra *under* Neeme Järvi)
11.40 Berlin RSO under Vladimir Ashkenazy, with Peter Frankl, piano, performs Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale, Op 52); Schnittke (Concerto for piano and strings); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A, Op 92)
1.00pm News
1.05 To My Dear Friend Haydn: The fifth of six programmes. Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 20 No 4: Guarneri Quartet); Mozart (String Quartet in A, K 464: Prazak Quartet)
2.05 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Takuo Yuasa performs Edward McGuire (Calgacus); Tchaikovsky (Overture, The Tempest)
2.50 Vintage Years: Vaughan Williams (*A Sea Symphony*: London Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra under Adrian Boult, with Isobel Baillie, soprano, John Cameron, baritone)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Coventry Cathedral
5.00 Gods and Demons: John Thornley presents three programmes of music of belief and ritual from five continents. In the first, he explores voodoo cults from Cuba, deer-dances from Mexico and England, and Armenian plainchant (r)
5.30 *Mainly for Pleasure*, with Valentine Cunningham
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear Collection: Christopher Bigsby talks to the poet and playwright Derek Walcott (r)
7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle, *with Gidon Kremer*, violin, performs Sofia Gubaidulina (Offertorium). **8.05** On the Golden Porch. Sorcha Cusack reads a short story by Tatyana Tolstaya (r). **8.25** Prokofiev (Symphony No 5 in B flat)
9.25 Trading with the Enemy: The second of two programmes on sexuality, perversion and culture. Adam Phillips, principal child psychotherapist at Charing Cross hospital in London, and Robert Stoller, MD, discuss how perversions and pornography reveal certain truths about sex (r)
10.25 Gordon Fergus-Thompson: The pianist plays Mozart (Fantasia in C minor, K 396); Beethoven (Sonata in B flat, *Op 106, Hammerklavier*) (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: C.P.E. Bach (Cello Concerto in A, Wq 172; Symphony in F, Wq 175; Harpsichord Concerto in D minor, Wq 23) (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.43** Stardust and Sawdust: Playwright and actor Henry Livings reminisces on life in the theatre **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 *In the Psychiatrist's Chair.* Dr Anthony Clare's subject this week is the author Tom Sharpe (s)
9.40 Reading Aloud: Music-Hall Sidelights, by Colette (s) (r)
10.00 News; *Gardeners' Question* Time. The team visits Gloucestershire (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The Voice of God, by Winifred Holtby Read by Hugh Dickson (r)
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Science Friction: Earth Mothers and White Coats Professor John Durant wonders whether science will become greener (4 of 5)
11.42 Profile: Tom Burke, the environmentalist and adviser to Michael Heseltine (6 of 7)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Out of Order: Chairman Patrick Hannan is joined by MPs Julian Critchley and Austin Mitchell and guests for the political quiz (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Jenny Murray talks to Winsome Pinnock about her new play *Talking in Tongues* ; there is an item on the first day at school; a discussion on women bitches; and an interview with the singer Hope Augustus
3.00 News; *The Shape of Things to* Come. The Midas Plague
● CHOICE: Listening to this comedy by Frederick Pohl in Radio 4's science-fiction *season, I was reminded of* the rotating mechanical feeder in *Modern Times*. For here we are in a future where the National Ration Board controls every aspect of consumerism and only the most successful are allowed to live a simple life. Morey Fry (Michael Drew) has had a robot instead of a bike for his fourteenth birthday, but now that he is an adult he decides the best way to beat the system is to join it I especially enjoyed domestic robot Henry (Geoffrey Collins) humming "Home Sweet Home" (s)
3.47 Enquire Within
4.00 News; A Rose Is a Rose Is a Rose: Maiden's Blush. Writer and garden designer Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall on the significance of the rose (2 of 3)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Brian Sibley *reviews Spike Lee's new film Jungle Fever* . talks to the writer and director Stephen Poliakoff about his new film *Close My Eyes* ; and visits a touring exhibition linking art and archaeology (s)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Age to Age (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music. Antony Hopkins considers a wide variety of *music, deriving his topics from* forthcoming Promenade concerts (s)
8.45 In Business Terminal Illness As Britain's public health service faces sweeping change, Richard Quest reports from the United States on a private system in turmoil
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The *Financial* World Tonight (s) *9.59* Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Black Lamb and Grey Falcon Diana Rigg reads from Rebecca *West's book about her travels* through Yugoslavia between the wars (8 of 10)
11.00 Letter to My Mother Bernard Hepton reads a letter written by a man to his recently deceased mother (r)
11.30 Talking Poetry Poems on the subject of food (s) (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies: Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 10.30 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

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RADIO 5

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WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am *Morgenmagazin* 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 World News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours, News Summary 8.30 Development '91 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Science or Fiction? 1 9.30 The Litmus Test 3 10.00 World News 10.09 World Business Report 10.15 Country Style 10.30 Great Newspapers 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 Jazz for the Asking 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 Lines of Communication 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: The Name of the *Rose 3.45 Good Books 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English* 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 *German* Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Leaders and Leadership 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 From Our Own Correspondent 11.20 The All-Time Swing Hit Parade 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News *12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Good Books 12.30 Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30* Girls Will Be Girls 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 The Farming World 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Leaders and Leadership 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Slightly Foxed 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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Sedgwick dips in slack market

Ashdown sets out tax lure to create a saving nation

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

THE Liberal Democrats yesterday staked their general election appeal on plans to encourage Britons to be savers rather than spenders, with tax cuts held out as incentives, and to remove from politicians decisions on the level of interest rates.

Government spending and taxation policies would be set according to a new savings target for the economy as a whole, under proposals described by Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, at a press conference in London as the first new economic thinking in Britain since the advent of monetarism.

An independent central bank charged with achieving price stability would help the fight against inflation by taking decisions on interest rate rises or cuts in a way that prevented political interference or pre-election manoeuvring.

To boost private savings, people would be allowed to maintain registered savings accounts (RSAs), into which they could pay up to a specified proportion of their income and on which they would receive tax relief, if the sums were reinvested, on both income and capital gains.

An attack on the privileges of monopolists and a strengthening of competition policy by giving independence to a combined Monopolies and Mergers Commission and Office of Fair Trading was also proposed in *Economics for the Future*, intended to stamp the Liberal Democrats as the party of the free market with more radical credentials than its opponents.

Mr Ashdown also disclosed that the party leadership had commissioned studies into breaking up British Telecom, increasing competition in banking and introducing more private services into British Rail. It is also looking at proposals for a restrictive practices act and anti-trust legislation. Mr Ashdown described the monopoly enjoyed by the clearing banks as unhealthy.

The party repeated its readiness to boost spending on education by raising income tax by about 1p in the pound. The Liberal Democrats are also proposing an end to the system of mortgage tax relief on all new mortgages. Help would be given to families with special needs by a "housing cost relief" scheme. Existing mortgage holders would not be affected.

The new programme will be debated at the party's annual conference next week.

Triumph against the tide

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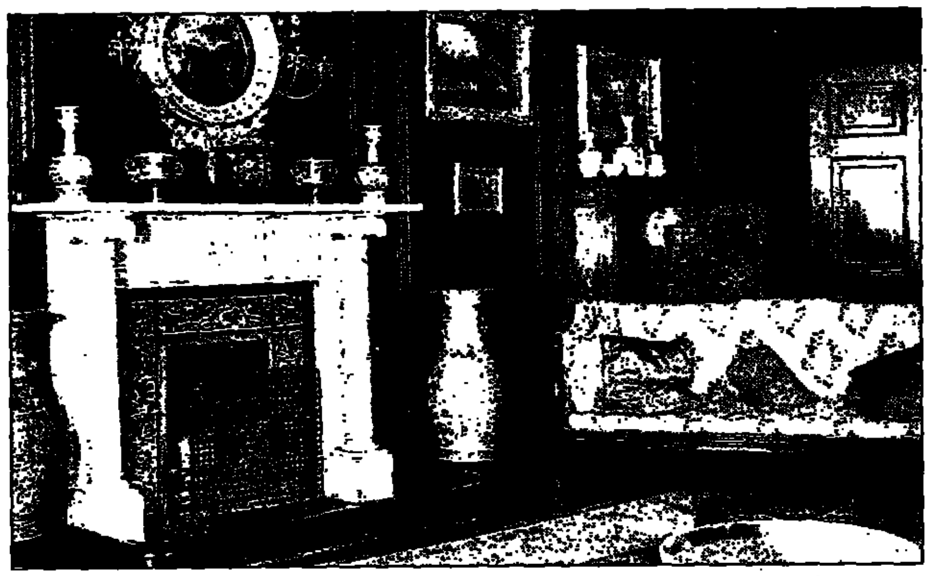
could. I trained only once a day and added 6lb in body weight, which probably increased my body fat percentage by almost 5 per cent.

My coach, Tom Watch, came on the escort boat on Monday to feed me bananas, Lucozade with fructose or peaches, chocolate biscuits, and Leppins, a special carbohydrate drink. The 4am start from Shakespeare Beach at Dover also meant that I had only two hours' swimming in darkness. Then there was sun for the rest of the day.

Although I still had not fully recovered from the first attempt and the strength of the tide meant that I had to swim a zigzag course, I never felt cold. However, my slow time to Cap Blanc Nez of 15 hours 40 minutes showed how much the first attempt had taken out of me.

When Jim Counsilman, swimming coach to Mark Spitz, swam the Channel at 57, he was asked if it hurt. "Just once," he replied. "From beginning to end." Personally, I savoured every moment. There must be a masochistic streak in me somewhere.



Period piece: the contents of Penpont, above, will be auctioned next month. The early 19th century interior of the drawing room, left, was kept intact by the late owner, Josephine Murray, who died earlier this year

Bygone era under the hammer

By John Shaw

THE contents of a secluded country house near Brecon, in mid-Wales, whose interiors have remained virtually intact since the early 19th century, are to be sold for an estimated £500,000 by Sotheby's next month.

The auction follows the death in March of Josephine Murray, the owner, aged 103. She was the granddaughter of Sir Joseph Hooker, the botanist and curator of Kew Gardens, who was responsible for introducing the rhododendron, among other species, to Britain.

Mrs Murray inherited his love of horticulture and maintained walled gardens at the property, Penpont, part of a 2,500-acre estate with numerous cottages and 12 farms in the Brecon Beacons. It has been in the family since the 17th century. Nicholas Marshall, an executor and a relative of Murray, said that some interiors remain intact "mainly because, from about the turn of the century, there were no children about".

"When I was there as a child, we ate in the servants' hall and used the back stairs," he said. "Children were neither seen nor heard. That's how you preserve a house. It did us no harm, but I suppose these days it would horrify the modernists. The dining-room was in use, but the drawing-room was open only on high days and holidays."

Drawing-room furniture has been included in the sale, and Mr Marhsall agreed that some people might consider it a pity to break up a period setting. "On the other hand, you have to consider that my cousins who are moving in have young children," he said. "They will breathe new life into the house and lighten it up, and, in a way, life has to go on and evolve or you end up running a museum. Then, the life of the house goes out anyway.

"It's a balance, as always. The difficulty is finding the right balance between living in the house as a normal house and preserving what's best."

The house was built by Daniel Williams, a member of the Welsh gentry, in about 1666.

SATURDAY: NEW DIRECTIONS

The Japanese are about to make an exhibition of themselves, in Britain. Why? On Saturday, in a new 16-page colour section, *Weekend Times*, we investigate the Japanese and urge you out of doors to investigate Japan. Or choose from an array of places to go, with the children and for the children, in town and country, the entertainment hot spots (and the spots that aren't hot), for a few hours or the whole weekend. For stay at homes, *Weekend Times* has gardening, cooking, buying a home, improving a home, entertaining at home (save time, don't decant the wine). The weekend starts with *Weekend Times*, this and every Saturday. Order your copy of *The Times* today

EC invites Carrington to mediate

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ment was welcomed by the Dutch and the Germans, who believe he has the expertise for such a key role. However Danish sources said Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, had questioned the choice of the former Nato leader to co-ordinate the peace conference, which begins in The Hague on Saturday.

Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, said Lord Carrington had "absolute impartiality and is determined to keep the process going through dialogue". Invitations to the conference will be sent to the Yugoslav presidency, the federal government, all the independence-minded republics, and to all EC foreign ministers.

Man in the News, page 11

JOHANNESBURG NOTEBOOK Gavin Bell

Author Sharpe relishes the fall of porkpie hats

To his pleasant surprise, Tom Sharpe has not been shadowed by suspicious characters in porkpie hats since returning to South Africa for the first time in 30 years.

The special branch policemen who bundled Sharpe out of the country for his anti-apartheid views in 1961 have either lost interest in him or improved their sartorial image. Either way, he has been left alone to savour the collapse of the institutionalised racism he so savagely lampooned in *Riotous Assembly* and *Indecent Exposure*.

Invited to attend a book fair by a liberal newspaper, Sharpe arrived in Johannesburg last week unsure of what to expect. He observes that racist attitudes die hard, but is encouraged by the freedom of expression engendered by President de Klerk's reforms.

"The other day I was being interviewed by a local journalist, when we were interrupted by a black chap at an adjacent table who took issue with something she said, and a lively debate ensued. That would have been unthinkable when I was here last. It was terrific."

Looking back in anger at the racism he witnessed as a social worker in the Non-European Affairs department in the 1950s, he surveys the present with cautious optimism. "The stupidity and cruelty are still here, but I never thought there would be this relatively peaceful change — that an Afrikaner government would admit with good grace it had been defeated.

"I don't think you will ever get rid entirely of the vile apartheid mentality. You can't force people to like other people, but at least you can compel them to obey just laws. That may be the best one can hope for."

Sharpe has no doubt that the bumbling Kommandant van Heerden and the kaffir-killing Konstabel Els of his first novel have modern counterparts in the South African police, but he regards the "jackasses" in uniform as an endangered species.

"There are clearly elements in the security forces who see strife and chaos as being to their advantage — but sod them. What I have found interesting is that there is a general acceptance that white domination has failed and that the government is prepared to accept a society one never dreamed would exist. It's a hell of a long way from the South Africa I knew."

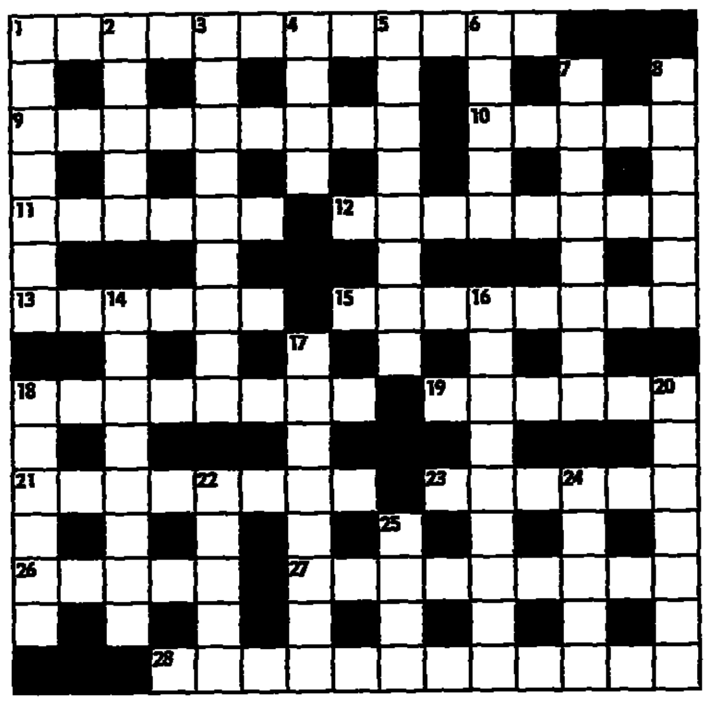
He is irritated by wealthy white South Africans who railed against apartheid but did nothing about it and emigrated to England. He calls them the Hampstead Liberation Army. "They are the ones who maintain the cultural boycott, who deprive South Africa of BBC television and British drama. They will never forgive, because they are exiles.

"Their allies in the anti-apartheid movement in Britain have a negative attitude; I'm not sure what they want. I would be more receptive if they applied the same criteria to countries like Argentina, Brazil, and for that matter, Australia. To say whites have no role in the new South Africa is as racist as claiming Jamaicans have no right to live in Brixton."

Tom Sharpe: celebrating the winds of change

Sharpe is equally scathing about earnest but ineffectual white liberals in South Africa who adopt the posture of Rodin's thinker, endlessly expounding moral values from positions of privilege. He insists he has come to listen and learn, not preach. "I think the notion of the writer as a prophet is a lot of codswallop. I wouldn't mind meeting De Klerk and Nelson Mandela just to find out what the score is, not to offer advice. They are busy men, why should I waste their time?"

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,702



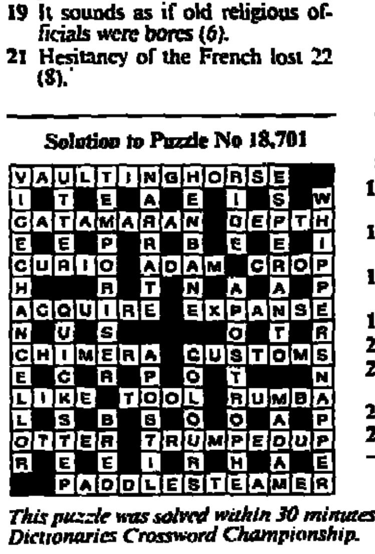
ACROSS

1 Circus act with men involved in accident (12).
9 Probationary period for a service life? (9).
10 A pleasing accent (5).
11 Left-over I have used in salads (6).
12 After sprain, writer needs transport (8).
13 Bird out of the bible is name for an inn (6).
15 Boy about to imitate sort of camel (8).
18 Explosive mixture ignited by power unit (8).
19 It sounds as if old religious officials were bores (6).
21 Hesitancy of the French lost 22 (8).
23 Broadcaster about the king is more biased (6).
26 Very little money in France, a bandmaster found (5).
27 Sailor's girl's abbreviated sou'wester (9).
28 Curious phial out of a Greek temple site exhibited in US city (12).

DOWN

1 Lords' agreement in substance (7).
2 Wandered through parts of Dover (5).
3 Not reported for being without a hat (9).
4 Try strikers for uprising (4).
5 Continental girl gets under skin of a man, perhaps (8).
6 Eccentric crook (5).
7 How the pedlar, say, gets about under pressure (4-4).
8 College boy (6).
14 Girl on voyage calling at Mexican port (8).
16 Visit, carrying luggage, a distant connection (5-4).
17 Loose kind of shirt tucked in will never fade (8).
18 Thin paper is unconvincing (6).
20 Endlessly spray a plant (7).
22 Money kept in cummerbund in slit (5).
24 Horse killed jumping in race (5).
25 Urge to jog (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,701



Concise Crossword, page 17

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 13 of the 19 competitors in the 1991 national final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

CONTUBERNAL
a. Having the same tuber root
b. Irrationally argumentative
c. Living in the same tent

BLEWITS
a. Lewd verbal jokesters
b. A Viennese bandmaster
c. An edible mushroom

TURNDUN
a. A debt collector
b. A ship's windlass
c. The Australian bull-roarer

SCOPOPHOBIA
a. Fear of being looked at
b. Horror of spiders
c. Reluctance to take the plunge

Answers on page 18

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WEATHER

After a rather misty start most parts will have a dry day with sunny periods. The mist will clear quite quickly inland but persist into the afternoon along North Sea coasts. The South will again be very warm but it will be cooler along North Sea coasts and in the cloudier North. Outlook: dry and warm in the South at first; cooler from the North later.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	30	86	s	Madrid	30	86	f
Akrotiri	28	82	f	Majorca	30	86	s
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Malaga	27	81	c
Algiers	32	90	s	Malta	27	81	r
Amst'dm	27	81	s	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Athens	28	82	f	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	32	90	s	Milan	25	77	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Montreal*	19	66	s
Barbads*	31	88	s	Moscow	18	64	f
Barcelna	25	77	f	Munich	24	75	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Naples	30	86	s
Belgrade	25	77	f	N Delhi	31	88	l
Berlin	26	79	s	N York*	22	72	s
Bermuda*	28	82	f	Nice	27	81	s
Biarritz	26	79	s	Oslo	22	72	s
Borde'x	27	81	f	Paris	26	79	s
Brussels	24	75	s	Peking	28	82	c
Budapst	24	75	f	Perth	18	64	c
B Aires*	14	57	f	Prague	24	75	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Reykjavik	10	50	c
Chicago*	28	82	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Ch'church	14	57	f	Rio de J	30	86	f
Cologne	29	84	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
C'phagn	22	72	s	Rome	29	84	l
Corfu	28	82	s	Salzburg	25	77	s
Dublin	19	66	s	S F'risco*	22	72	s
Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Santiago*	17	63	s
Faro	27	81	f	S Paulo*	17	63	f
Florence	28	82	s	Seoul	23	73	r
Frankfurt	27	81	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	24	75	s	St'kholm	23	73	s
Geneva	23	73	s	Strasb'rg	27	81	s
Gibraltar	25	77	f	Sydney	20	68	l
Helsinki	20	68	s	Tangier	28	82	c
Hong K	32	90	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	f
Innsbrck	25	77	s	Tenerife	30	86	s
Istanbul	25	77	f	Tokyo	31	88	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	22	72	s
Jo'burg*	12	54	c	Tunis	29	84	f
L Palmas	31	88	s	Valencia	28	82	f
Le Tquet	23	73	s	Vanc'ver*	17	63	f
Lisbon	24	75	s	Venice	26	79	s
Locarno	25	77	f	Vienna	25	77	s
London	23	73	s	Warsaw	24	75	f
L Angels*	21	70	c	Wash'ton*	24	75	f
Luxembg	27	81	s	Wel'nton	14	57	s
Luxor	34	93	s	Zurich	24	75	s

* denotes figures are latest available

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.13
Austria Sch	21.70	20.20
Belgium Fr	63.35	59.35
Canada $	2.04	1.89
Denmark Kr	11.87	11.12
Finland Mkk	7.53	7.08
France Fr	10.39	9.74
Germany Dm	3.075	2.875
Greece Dr	335.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.60
Ireland Pt	1.147	1.077
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	248.75	228.75
Netherlands Gld	3.455	3.235
Norway Kr	12.06	11.26
Portugal Esc	262.00	244.00
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.80
Spain Pta	190.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.45
Switzerland Fr	2.69	2.52
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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 24C (75F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.6 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.0	-	16	61	dull
Anglesey	10.6	-	25	77	sunny
Belfast	10.6	-	25	77	sunny
Birmingham	6.8	-	26	79	bright
Blackpool	11.6	-	27	81	sunny
Bognor Regis	0.3	.02	20	68	cloudy
Bournemouth	1.5	.01	23	73	cloudy
Bristol	3.9	.02	24	75	bright
Cardiff	7.5	.01	23	73	sunny
Douglas	8.5	-	25	77	sunny
Eastbourne	1.4	-	19	66	cloudy
Edinburgh	0.2	-	16	61	dull
Eskdalemuir	11.7	-	21	70	sunny
Exmouth	7.0	.01	22	72	bright
Folkestone	5.2	.03	24	75	sunny
Glasgow	7.5	-	21	70	bright
Hastings	4.4	-	20	68	sunny
Hunstanton	8.8	-	20	68	sunny
Jersey	7.2	.08	22	72	bright
Kinloss	1.3	-	15	59	drizzle
Leeds	11.7	-	22	72	sunny
Lerwick	9.7	-	16	61	sunny
Littlehampton	1.7	.11	21	70	fog
London	10.0	-	27	81	sunny
Lowestoft	9.5	-	25	77	sunny
Manchester	9.5	-	26	79	sunny
Minehead	6.0	.01	22	72	sunny
Newcastle	-	-	15	59	cloudy
Newquay	4.5	-	21	70	sunny
Nottingham	6.5	-	25	77	bright
Penzance	6.6	-	23	73	bright
Plymouth	4.0	-	21	70	sunny
Poole	2.9	-	22	72	cloudy
Scilly Isles	8.3	-	21	70	sunny
Shanklin	2.3	.01	21	70	cloudy
Southsea	1.3	-	21	70	cloudy
St. Ives	5.0	-	20	68	sunny
Swanage	4.4	-	21	70	fog
Teignmouth	6.9	-	22	72	bright
Tenby	6.4	-	22	72	sunny
Torquay	6.8	-	23	73	bright
Weymouth	2.4	-	22	72	cloudy
Wick	2.3	-	15	59	cloudy

Monday's figures are latest available

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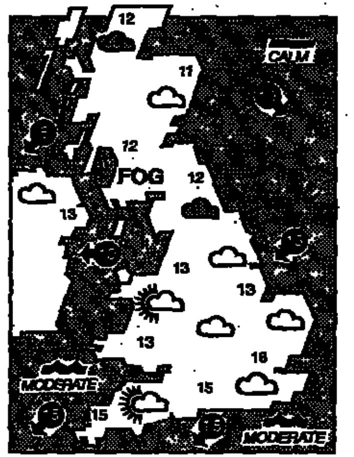

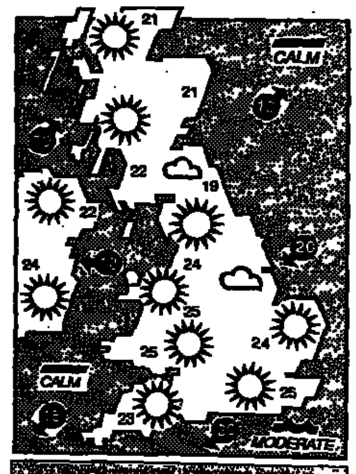

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	18	64	s	Guernsey	19	66	f
B'rmghem	21	70	s	Inverness	23	73	s
Blackpool	22	72	s	Jersey	21	70	s
Bristol	21	70	s	London	23	73	s
Cardiff	22	72	s	M'nchster	22	72	s
Edinburgh	16	61	s	Newcastle	17	63	c
Glasgow	18	64	s	R'nldsway	19	66	s

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 7.52 pm to 6.19 am
Bristol 7.51 pm to 6.28 am
Edinburgh 8.01 pm to 6.24 am
Manchester 7.53 pm to 6.24 am
Penzance 8.01 pm to 6.42 am

Sun rises: 6.17 am
Sun sets: 7.42 pm
Moon rises: 12.43 am
Moon sets: 5.34 pm
New moon September 8

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Honington, Suffolk, 29C (84F); lowest day max: Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, and St Abbs Head, Borders, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Yeovilton, Somerset, 0.15 in; highest sunshine: Morecambe, Lancashire, 12.6 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 24C (75F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 11.1 hr

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.04	5.7	10.48	6.0	Liverpool	7.50	7.5	8.31	7.8
Aberdeen	10.18	3.5	10.45	3.6	Lowestoft	5.46	2.1	6.41	2.2
Avonmouth	3.12	10.0	3.53	10.4	Margate	8.17	4.0	9.04	4.1
Belfast	7.42	2.9	8.10	3.1	Milford Haven	2.29	5.2	3.15	5.5
Cardiff	2.57	9.4	3.39	9.7	Newquay	1.28	5.3	2.14	5.6
Devonport	1.57	4.2	2.38	4.4	Oban	3.18	2.9	3.43	3.1
Dover	7.38	5.3	8.21	5.5	Penzance	1.13	4.2	1.51	4.4
Falmouth	1.27	4.0	2.08	4.2	Portland	3.08	1.4	3.35	1.6
Glasgow	8.51	4.0	9.16	4.2	Portsmouth	8.14	3.9	8.36	4.0
Harwich	7.57	3.2	8.45	3.4	Shoreham	7.45	4.9	8.27	5.1
Holyhead	7.11	4.5	7.49	4.8	Southampton	7.53	3.8	8.17	3.9
Hull	2.27	5.8	3.32	6.0	Swansea	2.40	7.3	3.23	7.5
Ilfracombe	2.14	7.0	2.58	7.2	Tees			12.47	4.4
King's Lynn	2.39	4.9	3.36	5.2	W'ton-on-Nze	7.56	3.4	8.45	3.6
Leith	11.29	4.6							

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

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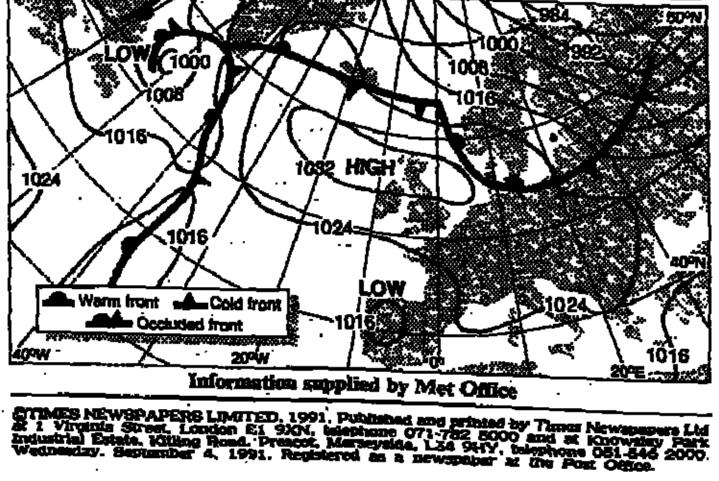

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Sedgwick dips in slack market

INSURANCE premium rates for commercial risks have started falling again in America, undermining hopes of an early upturn in the insurance cycle.

David Rowland, chairman of Sedgwick Group, the international insurance broker, said the American market for general insurance risks had unexpectedly weakened despite sharply higher premiums for reinsurance. There has been a rise in premium rates for marine risks, but this *needs to go much further*, Mr Rowland said.

Sedgwick's pre-tax profits for the first six months of 1991 dipped from £67.7 million to £65.3 million, but would have been higher than last year but for the £5.5 million costs of exchange rate movements, mainly on translation of American profits. This may, however, be recouped in the second half due to the recovery of the dollar.

The interim dividend is maintained at 4p from earnings down from 10.4p to 10p per share for the seasonally more important first half of the year.

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German budget battle begins

The German parliament yesterday began a three-day debate on the 1992 budget, amid much controversy over recent tax rises. Theo Waigel, the finance minister, said the DM422.6 billion budget and the DM50 billion deficit reflected fiscal rectitude and took account of "Germany's immense responsibility worldwide". The social democratic opposition said that Germany's total public debt would rise to DM1,300 billion by 1995.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6935 (+0.0090)

German mark
2.9433 (+0.0013)

Exchange index
91.0 (+0.2)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2096.4 (−11.9)

FT-SE 100
2669.0 (−10.6)

New York Dow Jones
3042.04 (−1.56)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22469.80 (+0.79)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Liberty	652½p (+23p)
Pentos	163p (+14p)
Union Discount	246p (+10p)
Abbey	75p (+8p)
Pendragon	175p (+11p)
ASW	237p (+8p)
News Corp	475p (+20p)
Henderson Admin	627½p (+18p)
Vickers	213½p (+8p)
Reuters	907½p (+11p)
Granger	110p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Wellcome	746p (−14p)
Turnbull Scott	87½p (−10p)
Kingfisher	572p (−9p)
Yorkshire Chem	486p (−7p)
BTR	432½p (−9½p)
ADT	500p (−8p)
Forte	290½p (−7p)
Taylor Woodrow	213p (−12p)
RM Douglas	532½p (−47p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank $10\frac{5}{8}$-$10\frac{9}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills $10\frac{1}{8}$-$10\frac{3}{32}$%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.34-5.33%*
30-year bonds $100\frac{11}{16}$-$100\frac{23}{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£ $1 6920	£: $1.6920*
£ DM2.9433	$: DM1.7395*
£ SwFr2 5828	$: SwFr1.5270*
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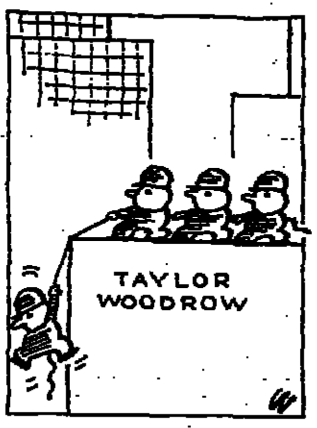
Taylor Woodrow shares fall as profits slide 33%



By Matthew Bond

SHARES in Taylor Woodrow, the property and construction group, fell 13p to 213p as the company reported first-half profits down 33 per cent at £25.3 million.

Peter Drew, the chairman, had warned shareholders to expect lower interim profits at the company's annual meeting in June. Yesterday he repeated his view that industry conditions are the worst in 50 years.

"The construction industry is confronting a dramatic reduction in work exacerbated by a pattern of financial failure by clients, sub and main contractors. We are enduring the worst conditions for over half a century and, despite all attempts to insulate the company from a major cyclical downturn, the impact of sustained high interest rates and a widespread lack of confidence has affected all sectors of the business adversely."

Mr Drew's gloom rubbed off on City analysts, who rapidly lowered their forecasts for the full year. Both Robert Fleming and Kleinwort Benson now expect Taylor Woodrow to make about £45 million for the full year, 46 per cent below the £83 million reported last year and 62 per cent below 1989's record profit of £117 million.

If analysts forecasts are correct, Taylow Woodrow's total dividend is likely to be only partly covered. In April, when it launched a £162 million rights issue the company forecast a total dividend of 9.5p. Yesterday saw an unchanged interim of 1.86p.

The interims were struck after the company made what it described as "significant" provisions against three separate ventures. These included the site of the former St Mary Abbott's hospital in Kensington, West London, which the company bought at the beginning *of 1989* for more than £10 million an acre, one of the highest prices ever paid for housebuilding land.

Taylor Woodrow is now building a luxury residential development on the land, in joint venture with Mitsui, the Japanese group. Mr Drew said "high mortgage rates and widespread lack of confidence" had affected the company housing operations.

The other provisions were taken against projects in America and the Great Storebaelt Bridge scheme in Denmark. Analysts believe *total provisons were between* £25-£28 million.

Mr Drew provided no fresh clues as to how he intends to spend the rights issue proceeds. To date Taylor Woodrow has acquired a 5 per cent stake in YJ Lovell and spent £41 million on a portfolio of commercial property bought from Slough Estates.

Blue Circle likely to head queue

City prepares for series of big cash calls

By Michael Clark and George Sivell

THE City is bracing itself for several large rights issue within the next few days.

Speculation in the Square Mile is that Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement producer, will start the ball rolling tomorrow, when it announces half-year figures, by asking shareholders for about £400 million to finance future growth.

Blue Circle has been badly hit by the recession with analysts forecasting another sharp drop in profits in 1991 due to falling cement prices. *But brokers claim the terms of* a rights issue from Blue Circle are likely to be warmly received by fund managers and that the share price will respond positively once the deal has been confirmed.

Another company expected to turn to shareholders for extra funds is British Aerospace, due to unveil a disappointing set of interim figures next week.

The group may decide to press ahead with a £500 million-plus rights issue on the basis of one new share for every three held.

Dealers say the company needs the money to strengthen its balance sheet and provide funds for expansion. Gearing is expected to rise to around 50 per cent by the year end and its business is capital intensive.

Confirmation of these deals is certain to create a stir in the City and among private shareholders. One leading broker commented last night: "Fund managers are willing to finance the future development of a company but are reluctant to prop up balance sheets and finance dividend payments."

Stock Exchange regulators are looking closely at two leaks of information before recent large rights issues. But the Exchange is unable to confirm that action is being taken against anyone who may have breached a confidence or deny that its monitoring team, which looks at suspicious price movements, has been pressed into action.

Ladbroke surprised no one in the City with a £464 million *call on shareholders last week.*

And trading in P&O shares was heavy just before its £604 million cash call a week before Ladbroke's, despite a denial at the March annual meeting from Lord Sterling, chairman and *chief* executive *that* a rights issue was planned.

These two cash calls brought the total of new equity called for by British industry so far this year to £7,188 million, according to Datastream calculations, already a record for the UK market. In the whole of 1990, £4,108 million was raised and the previous highest amount raised in any one year was £6,973 million in 1987.

For the whole of 1991 market analysts expect cash calls of more than £10 billion. *The Bank of England,* which operates the new issues calendar, is unable to comment on the weight of cash calls planned for this year.

The Bank's role in regulating the calls made by industry *on the City dates back to the* second world war and the Control of Borrowing Order. This was finally abolished by Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor, in the 1989 budget as he sought to deregulate the sterling capital markets.

But the stock market, sensing a need for the flow of cash calls to be controlled, sought the *informal help of the Bank* of England in operating a calendar. It is not compulsory for the City to call the Bank if a broker is planning a cash call but corporate advisers normally take advantage of the facility if only to make sure a rival is not planning an issue at the same time.

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In the driving seat: Lord Young says C&W will become a market-driven company

Management shake-up announced by C&W

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

CABLE and Wireless has announced an ambitious reshuffle of its top management after last month's resignation of Gordon Owen as chief executive.

The telecommunications *company will now divide its* business on geo-political lines into Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and non-OECD countries.

Lord Young of Graffham, *the former trade secretary* and now executive chairman of C&W, said the decision to decentralise the management structure would make C&W a "market-driven organisation". Previously, Mr Owen was in charge of all business divisions and subsidiaries, including Hong Kong Telecom and Mercury, the British *telecoms operator. Lord* Young said this represented "the weakness of the old system".

Peter van Cuylenburg, the present chief executive of Mercury, will become group director *in* charge of OECD business, which includes Mercury. Brian Pemberton, the present managing director for worldwide services, will be in charge of the non-OECD business, which includes the Hong Kong interests.

An executive committee has also been formed, the company's inner cabinet. It consists *of Lord Young, who will share* responsibility for business strategy, Mr van Cuylenburg, Mr Pemberton and Rod Olsen, the director in charge of finance and business planning.

Lord Young said: "We are going to appoint a chief executive but, as I have already said, this might take up to twelve months." When a chief executive is appointed, the new business structure will be modified.

Michael Harris, chief executive of First Direct, the telephone banking services division of Midland Bank, will become chief executive of Mercury from October 7.

Lord Young refused to disclose the terms granted to Mr Owen when he left the company, but said that Mr Owen had signed a confidentiality agreement.

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Hambro Countrywide slips

By Matthew Bond

HAMBRO Countrywide, the *quoted* estate agent, has reported an interim pre-tax loss of £4.3 million. Its announcement a year ago, when its halftime result was a £1 million profit, that it *had* ridden out the worst of the housing slump, was plainly premature.

Christopher Sporborg, the chairman, said that the company had experienced several *false dawns since the residen*tial property market turned down in 1988. Each time house sales and profitability had risen, but the improvements had not been sustained. He said there was no sign that confidence was returning, and he expected trading con*ditions for the rest of the year* to "remain tough". The shares fell 3½p to 45½p.

John May, joint managing director, said the company had taken on staff in March and April, thinking there were signs of recovery. "But then, in May, we saw the threat of unemployment preventing this feeling of recovery *converting into something* more permanent." Mr May said that following the false start Hambro Countrywide's costs "remained tightly buttoned down". He was encouraged, however, by a big increase in the number of house sold by the company, *which rose 15 per cent to* 20,672.

Mr Sporborg said the company remained committed to a strategy to reduce its dependance on the housing market.

The interim figures were also hit by a £300,000 loss incurred by Wright Oliphant, the London-based commercial estate agent.

Hambro Countrywide said that in view of the continued losses a nominal interim dividend of 0.05p was once again *being paid.*

Bunfight at the OK kraal

By Jon Ashworth

THE spirit of General Smuts hung over the Savoy Hotel *yesterday as the South African* roadshow hit town. With the abolition of apartheid, all mention of Springboks, kraals, boerewors and now it seems British investment is OK.

It was an all-star billing with a former ambassador to London, several prestigious company chairmen, and some of the *brightest* minds in South African life assurance.

The occasion was the *launch of the* Old Mutual South Africa Fund, the first fund of its kind to allow direct investment in companies south of the Limpopo. Sir Alistair Frame, chairman of Wellcome and former chairman of RTZ, stood *shoulder* to shoulder with Mike Levett, chairman of Old Mutual, *South Africa's* largest life insurer. Lord Tombs, chairman of Rolls-Royce, joins them on the board.

The Guernsey-registered fund, due to come to the market via a placing on September 25, hopes to raise a minimum of $50 million for investment in South African blue chip and other growth stocks. Old Mutual will manage the fund.

Mr Levett took the stage: an end to economic isolation; increased trade; new investment; pent up demand. He had the whole weekend to practise his lines. This was upbeat stuff, but it fell on Dr Denis Worrall, former South African ambassador to London and a liberal politician, to deliver the goods.

"There is not a single government in the world that does not want South Africa to work," he declared. "South Africa is the gateway to sub-Saharan Africa."

Dr Worrall said that despite continuing violence and pol*itical instability, a degree of* consensus about a new form of government had already been reached. His message, he felt, was hopeful and realistic.

Next came the numbers. The Johannesburg Stock Exchange all-share index has gained 27 per cent in the past 15 years compared with average annual inflation of 14 per cent. Inflation has run at close to 19 per cent for the past decade, and shows no sign of falling, but growing demand at *home will help compensate.*

The guests shuffled their feet. One or two quietly *slipped* out *the back door.* More graphs flashed on the screen, showing how companies such as Liberty Life and Wooltru have outstripped UK counterparts.

There is little doubt that the fund is a milestone. Foreign companies are queuing up to invest in South Africa and the launch will set a lead for others to follow.

So what better a place to start than the Savoy?

Mutual friends: Sir Alistair Frame, left, and Lord Tombs

Accounts qualified at Brent Walker

By Angela Mackay

BRENT Walker's 1990 report and *accounts,* scheduled for release today, are understood to have been heavily qualified by the company's two auditing firms, KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock and Leigh Carr.

The board, chaired by Lord Kindersley, signed off revised 1990 accounts at a board meeting yesterday morning. On Friday, the chairman said *the leisure and hotels group* had "materially overstated" its unaudited results for the six months to July 15, 1990, but would not define by how much because this would form part of a Serious Fraud Office investigation.

Compared with previous years, Brent Walker's report and accounts are now four months overdue; unaudited figures were released three months ago, however.

George Walker, the deposed chairman and chief executive who attended yesterday's meeting as a non-executive *director, said over the week*end that he could not understand the furore about the interim accounts. He said he had reviewed the results with Peat Marwick and Leigh Carr for several hours. Both firms, however, are believed to have asked questions at the meeting that were inadequately answered.

It is believed the qualification points out that the accounts were done on "a going concern basis" and that the validity of this view is dependent on Brent Walker's banks agreeing to refinance the company.

There is also speculation that the auditors will refer to Spanish and French developments and a need to arrange further local finance for the assets, in addition to making comments about the valuation of certain properties carrying values in excess of their market value. On Friday, the revised figures wiped £200 million off Brent Walker's assets, leaving the group with a *negative* net *worth of £56* million. Overall, the group's net worth fell by £885 million in 1990.

Lord Kindersley called in the SFO last week on the advice of the Bank of England *after an internal board review* uncovered several alleged irregularities in Brent Walker's past.

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Bowater gives warning on orders as profits rise 5%

By JONATHAN PRYNN

BOWATER, the packaging and printing group, issued a warning against misplaced optimism over prospects for the UK economy after its usual late-summer Christmas orders failed to materialise.

David Lyon, the chief executive, said that the company would normally expect to see orders coming through from August onwards for Christmas gift packaging for goods such as chocolates and pottery. "We are not seeing them at all this year. We are mystified as to where the optimism is coming from," he said.

Norman Ireland, the chairman, pointed to "limited signs of improvement in the order intake in the US" but said that the outlook elsewhere "remains bleak." Bowater yesterday reported a 5 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £51 million for the six months to end-June, well ahead of market expectations. The interim dividend was held at 9.5p, while fully diluted earnings per share fell 8 per cent to 21.2p.

The pre-tax profit figure was helped by a turnaround in the interest line from an £11.5 million charge to a £4.6 million contribution. Michael Hartnall, finance director, said improvement was largely accounted for by £3 million of capitalised interest and £8 million of interest from a pension surplus. The pension surplus contribution is expected to be repeated for the next ten years.

Net debt at the half year end was between £160 million and £170 million, giving gearing of about 38 per cent. This has since fallen to 34 per cent owing to exchange rate fluctuations.

The company continued to cut costs during the six-month period, including a further 670 redundancies. Since July last year, 1,450 jobs have been lost out of a workforce of 20,150. Mr Lyon said that about a further 100 jobs could be expected to disappear during the second half of the year.

The group was hardest hit in Brazil, where government-imposed monetary controls resulted in a small loss. The continuing recession in Australia contributed to a halving of operating profits from Australasia and the Far East to £3.5 million.

The group operating margin fell from 8.1 per cent to 7.6 per cent, but print and packaging excluding Brazil, coated industrial films and building materials all made small improvements in return on sales.

Capital spending continued at a high level, with £33 million spent in the first half compared with depreciation of about £21 million.

The shares, marked up strongly on the announcement, fell back to close 2p down at 693p.

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Lyon: "mystified"

£12m call for Trans World rescue

By OUR CITY STAFF

TRANS World Communications, the independent local radio group that lost its chairman and chief executive, Owen Oyston, five weeks ago, has announced its long-awaited rescue rights issue to raise £12 million and has appointed John Whitney as non-executive chairman.

Trans World, which made a pre-tax loss of £1.09 million for the six months to end-June, against a loss of £1.17 million, is issuing 27.9 million new shares in a heavily discounted five for two rights issue at 45p. Turnover fell from £6.15 million to £5.21 million and the loss per share was 9.1p compared with a loss of 10.7p. There is no interim dividend and none was paid last year.

Shareholders representing 20.7 per cent of the group have undertaken irrevocably to take up their rights. The balance has been underwritten by Henry Ansbacher & Co. The shares fell 19p to 98p on the USM.

Group borrowings are £11.4 million, largely because of the acquisition of Piccadilly Radio in April 1989, and the rights issue will be used to reduce them. The board said it intended to resume payment of a dividend as soon as the group was profitable and it was prudent to do so.

Mr Whitney is a former director general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and non-executive chairman of the Really Useful Group. Harry Roche becomes deputy chairman.

JAMES CALVERT-JONES

Profiting from debts: Göranson (right) and Gert Van Vaar, managing director for Europe at Intrum Justitia

Intrum Justitia soars 53% at halftime

INTRUM Justitia, Europe's largest debt collection group, has reported a 53 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits to £4.6 million for the six months to end-June (Jonathan Prynn writes).

In an upbeat trading statement, Bo Göranson, the chairman, said: "Sweden, Finland, the UK and Switzerland performed exceptionally well. We also benefited from growing awareness of the importance of prompt debt collection, which has continued to increase demand for our services across Europe."

In Britain, growth in demand has come from banks, building societies, credit card companies, mail order companies and utilities, Mr Göranson said. Intrum Justitia acquired CAS, one of Britain's leading consumer debt collection agencies, for £19.6 million in July last year.

Norway was the group's weakest market, but an improvement is expected in the second half.

Group turnover was up 75 per cent to £36.6 million. The second half is expected to account for 55 to 60 per cent of turnover in line with previous years. The company is examining "a number of acquisitions and corporate developments that will bring long-term benefits".

Earnings rose 28 per cent to 3.7p a share and the interim dividend is up by a third to 0.8p. The tax charge was 18 per cent. The shares closed up 4p at 89p.

Recession causes falls in all IMI divisions

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

IMI, the Midlands engineering group that enjoyed almost a decade of uninterrupted profits growth in the Eighties, is feeling the full effects of the recession. The group, which had warned shareholders that interim profits would fall, suffered a 37 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £40.1 million in the six months to end-June.

Turnover slipped from £547 million to £496 million and earnings fell from 12.8p to 8.1p, but the interim dividend stays at 4.2p. The interest charge rose from £300,000 to £2.9 million.

All divisions declined, but the poorest performing division was refined and wrought metals, at which profits fell to £1.5 million (£12.9 million) on turnover of £123 million (£164 million).

Gary Allen, chief executive, said the group had shed 100 jobs at this division in the first half, but the benefits would not flow through until the end of the year. Overall, IMI has shed 1,200 jobs.

Mr Allen said harsh conditions in the aerospace market, exacerbated by falling demand for aircraft after the Gulf war, affected volumes and prices at IMI Titanium. Low demand and low copper prices were also blamed.

Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman, said that, in the circumstances, building products, with profits down to £9 million (£11.1 million), performed well. He said expansion into Europe enabled the division to offset some of the effects of the downturn in Britain.

The drinks dispense division, where profits fell to £11.7 million (£12.7 million), also continued to grow in Continental Europe and the Far East, but results were disappointing in the beer and soft drinks markets in the United Kingdom.

At fluid power, where profits fell to £13.2 million (£17.7 million), IMI was affected by lower volumes and severe price competition. The UK market continued to decline, while many continental markets, including Germany, started to go the same way.

Results in special engineering were "mixed", with profits at £7.7 million (£8.9 million).

Mr Allen said the group had completed much of its restructuring, and he did not foresee any further UK disposals. Sixty per cent of group sales come from overseas.

Sir Eric said: "We see few signs of upturn in the UK economy. However, there are now some signs that the US economy is beginning to climb out of recession. Our results for the full year will depend on the extent to which these various trends continue."

IMI shares rose 7p to 265p.

Headlam acquisition

By PHILIP PANGALOS

HEADLAM Group, the industrial footwear and fabrics concern, unveiled plans to pay up to £10.5 million for Hickson Flooring Distributors, a subsidiary of Hickson International.

Headlam, which saw its shares rise on Monday after news that it was in acquisition talks, has reached agreement with Hickson and plans to pay for the proposed acquisition in cash, funded through an issue of new shares.

Hickson Flooring, one of Britain's largest distributors of floor covering, made an operating loss of £500,000 in the year to end-December 1990, on turnover of £87.2 million. In the six months to end-June 1991 it made an operating loss of £1.1 million.

The proposed acquisition will quadruple Headlam's annual turnover to more than £100 million.

MTM up 94% at interim

By PHILIP PANGALOS

ACQUISITIONS and organic growth helped MTM, the fast-growing chemicals group, to buck the all too familiar depressed trend with a healthy 94 per cent surge in first-half profits.

The company, which paid $112 million for the American Hardwicke Chemical group last year, made pre-tax profits of £10.3 million (£5.3 million) in the six months to end-June. About 22 per cent of the increase came from organic growth, with the balance from acquisitions.

Turnover advanced by 70 per cent to £61.4 million. United Kingdom sales increased and now account for £21.6 million of the group's turnover, representing 35 per cent of the total, against 44 per cent previously.

Richard Lines, executive chairman, said the strategy of targeting "resilient" sectors had paid off. Agrochemicals contributed £4.6 million to taxable profits, on a turnover of £26.7 million, while pharmaceuticals contributed £2.5 million on turnover of £16.5 million.

The interim dividend is improved to 1.87p (1.7p), and earnings per share climbed to 9.2p (8.5p). Interest payments jumped to £3.4 million (£400,000), with gearing at a "comfortable" 60 per cent.

The shares were unchanged at 265p

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Cayman court agrees BCCI hearing delay

A CAYMAN Islands court has agreed to delay until December 16 a hearing to shut Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Robert Denman, counsel for the Cayman government, asked for the delay in order to give BCCI's majority shareholder time to work out a restructuring plan for the bank. "The shareholders have indicated that they will stil be prepared to provide financial assistance to the BCCI group," Mr Denman said. "If that assistance proceeds, instead of an insignificant dividend, there is hope for a reasonable one for creditors."

BCCI was shut down by regulators around the world on July 5. The bank, which accumulated up to $15 billion in losses, had a major offshore banking operation in the Cayman Islands.

Hungary stake for Maxwell

MAXWELL Central and East European Partners, Robert Maxwell's investment vehicle in eastern Europe, has acquired an 11.5 per cent stake in Muszertechnika, the Hungarian instrumentation company. Maxwell took up the whole capital increase of 118.7 million forints ($1.5 million). The company plans to restructure operations.

Poland talks about debts

POLAND and its commercial bank creditors will soon resume talks on the country's $10.6 billion of debts. Talks between Warsaw and the so-called London Club of creditors were deadlocked in June over the country's refusal to discuss payment of $1.2 billion of outstanding interest until a final deal on reducing or rescheduling the debt was agreed.

Jourdan cuts payout

THOMAS Jourdan, whose consumer product interests include trouser presses and kitchen and bedroom furniture, has cut its interim dividend from 1.5p a share to 0.5p after incurring a pre-tax loss of £595,000 (£532,000 profit) in the six months to end-June. Losses were 2.21p (1.92p earnings) a share.

The deficit was blamed on a 16 per cent fall in sales to £11.18 million during the first half, caused by the recession in Britain and by the Gulf war, which affected orders. However, Keith Whitten, the chairman, said the outlook had improved slightly from a low point in the early spring.

WSP ahead at halftime

WSP Holdings, the consulting engineer, increased interim pre-tax profits from £605,000 to £613,000 for the six months to end-June. The interim dividend stays at 1.1p. Turnover was slightly down at £5.3 million. The group's subsidiary companies are in future to market themselves under the single name of WSP Consulting Engineers.

Boddington buys Kings

BODDINGTON, the public houses, hotels and health-care group, has acquired Kings (Beers & Minerals), one of the largest independent drinks wholesalers within the area inside the M25, for an undisclosed sum. Last year, Kings earned taxable profits of £500,000 on turnover of £10 million. Year-end net assets were about £1.3 million.

Qatar taps gas field

THE Emir of Qatar inaugurated the vast north field offshore gas project. It involves the world's biggest single gas field, containing 380 trillion cubic feet of gas.

Qatari officials say 16 wells drilled for the first stage of the project will produce more than 700 million cubic feet per day of lean gas and 50,000 barrels per day of natural gas liquid and condensate by the end of September. The emirate has high hopes of natural gas exports from the field. Its oil wells, now pumping 400,000 barrels per day, are expected to run dry early next century.

Scholl marches on to £11.6m profits

By OUR CITY STAFF

A LOWER tax charge and a sharp reduction in the interest bill have helped Scholl, the foot care products company, to a 12 per cent increase in earnings per share to 11.3p in the half year to end-June.

Pre-tax profits, at £11.6 million, were marginally up on the same period last year, while turnover fell to £82.9 million (£87.3 million) largely due to adverse exchange rate movements. The interim dividend is held at 2.5p.

The group has most business in continental Europe where the recession, adverse weather and a downturn in consumer demand during the Gulf war "produced trading conditions which have rarely been more difficult". However, early cost-cutting has enabled the group "to hold operating margins broadly in line with last year".

The group ended the half year with 16 per cent gearing (39 per cent), but this has since been eliminated by the £24.5 million rights issue in May.

Gordon Stevens, the chairman, said that additional distribution opportunities in the second half combined with further cost control "should ensure that the group is well placed to report a satisfactory outcome for the full year".

The shares, which yesterday rose 5p to 180p, have been reclassified under the health and household sector.

Pickwick slumps in first half

RECESSION in Britain and America and "one-off" losses at two units caused a slump in first half profits at Pickwick Group, the audio and video equipment distributor (Philip Pangalos writes).

Pre-tax profits fell to £82,000 (£1.54 million) in the six months to end-June, in spite of a rise in turnover to £33.5 million (£29.9 million). However, the second half of the year accounts for about 80 per cent of total profits.

Ivor Schlosberg, the chairman, attributed the bulk of the decline to "one-off" losses of £500,000 at the Old Gold music operation and about £500,000 at the group's French operations, which were affected by the Gulf war. Mr Schlosberg said corrective action has been taken at Old Gold and "the worst seems to be over in France".

Earnings plunged to 0.18p (3.88p) per share, although the interim dividend is maintained at 1.65p. The shares lost 18p to 190p.

Schlosberg: 'worst is over'

COMPANY BRIEFS

ISOTRON (Fin) Pre-tax: £2.81m (£2.95m) EPS: 15.1p (15.5p) Div: 2.34p, mkg 3.59p	Last time's total dividend was 3.12p. Turnover grew by 18 per cent to £6.44m. Company had no debt and a £2m cash balance at the year end.
PEEK (Int) Pre-tax: £3.02m (£6.03m) EPS: 2.01p (3.98p) Div: 1.05p (1.05p)	Turnover climbed to £38.1 (£35m). Company expects the results in the second half of 1991 to show a solid improvement over the first half.
PSION (Int) Pre-tax: £27,000 EPS: 0.12p (0.87p) Div: 1p (1p)	Last time's profit was £314,000. Turnover: £11.5m (£15.4m). Psion said financial position is sound with reduced stocks and low gearing.
RECORD HOLDINGS (Int) Pre-tax: £1.57m (£2.10m) EPS: 3.42p (4.83p) Div: 1.15p (1.15p)	Turnover fell to £13.4m (£18.8m). Company said it is hard to make profits in present conditions, with no evidence of any improvement.
ROPNER (Int) Pre-tax: £2.27m (£2.97m) EPS: 6.2p (7.7p) Div: 3.5p (3.5p)	There was an extraordinary profit of £360,000. Company said that it has a strong balance sheet as a result of the restructuring.
WOOD (ARTHUR) & SON Pre-tax: £40,562 EPS: 1.36p (1.28p) Div: Nil (nil)	Interim results. Last time's profit was £38,869. Turnover climbed to £1.71m (£1.55m). Company said that orders on hand are slightly up.
OFFICE ELECT. MACH. Pre-tax: £14,000 EPS: 0.2p (0.13p) Div: 0.1p (0.1p)	Interim results. Last time's profit was £10,000. There was a £273,000 exceptional profit. Turnover slipped to £720,000 (£1.19m).
STONEHILL HOLDINGS Pre-tax: £1.13m Loss LPS: 5.34p (9.32p) Div: None	Final results. Last time's pre-tax loss stood at £2.2m. There was an extraordinary gain of £135,000. Turnover fell to £1.6m (£5.76m).

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Split (100p)	109
Airbreak Leis	37
Alliance Res	20
Capital Ventures	110
Claremont Gmts (175p)	190
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	108
County Smlr Inv	96
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5½
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	99
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	67
East Germany Inv (100p)	120
Elonbrook	65
Eurocamp (225p)	240 -3
Fleming Emerg Mkt	99
Gartmore Inc (100p)	109
Gartmore Cap (100p)	96 -1
Geared Inc (100p)	100
Greencore	227 +4
Headline Book (100p)	129
Kleinwort High Inc	106
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	321
Manchester Utd (385p)	284 +1
Mirror Group (125p)	103 -1
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	108
Oryx Gold	137
Simpson of Cornhl	47
Sterling Tst	45
Tollgate	100 +5
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	44
US Smaller	104

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Beaverco N/P	1¼
Benson Gp N/P	1½
Bimec Ind N/P	29 +1
Capital&Cts N/P	10
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Navan Res N/P	1¼
Pelican Gp N/P	2
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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyons	550	74	85	101	3½	10	15
(*613)	600	36	52	68	15	27	33
	650	14	29	43	43	53	55
ASDA	80	17	19	20	1½	3	4
(*94)	90	9	13	15	4	5	7
	100	3½	8	9	10	11	13
Bass	929	80	-	-	6	-	-
(*994)	977	45	-	-	18	-	-
	1026	21	-	-	47	-	-
Boots	390	56	63	73	1½	5	7
(*439)	420	31	41	52	5½	12	14
	460	9	19	30	26	31	34
Br Airways	160	26	27	34	2½	5	7
(*180)	180	10	15	23	8	14	15
	200	3½	7½	13½	20	25	27
BP	300	55	58	61	1	2½	4
(*330)	330	27	34	38	3	7	10
	360	8	15½	22	13	19	22
Br Steel	120	12½	14	17½	2	4½	6
(*129)	130	6	8	12½	5	8	10
	140	2	4	7½	12	15	16
C & W	500	109	118	-	1½	4½	-
(*599)	550	59	79	93	6	12	16
	600	25	45	63	20	29	33
CU	460	73	87	-	1½	5	-
(*526)	500	38	56	63	6½	14	19
	550	11	24	35	35	38	44
Courtauld	420	79	87	100	1	4	7
(*495)	460	43	55	70	3½	12	15
	500	17	30	46	21	27	30
GKN	330	60	68	74	1½	4	9
(*385)	360	36	47	52	4½	12	19
	390	13	30	35	20	24	33
Grand Met.	800	61	84	99	8½	21	27
(*840)	850	28	53	67	29	42	48
	900	10	30	45	63	70	75
ICI	1300	94	140	159	18	34	54
(*1365)	1350	63	111	127	37	53	75
	1400	37	82	102	61	75	92
Kingfisher	500	81	94	109	2	6½	9½
(*572)	550	37	57	73	10	18	23
	600	12	31	46	35	42	45
Ladbroke	260	33	38	45	3½	7	10½
(*289)	280	16	24	32	9	14	18
	300	7½	15	22	27	26	29
Land Sec	460	78	82	94	1½	3	5
(*530)	500	40	50	62	4½	10	13
	550	9	20	31	24	33	38
M & S	260	38	43	51	1½	3½	4½
(*292)	280	21	28	37	4	7½	9½
	300	8	16	24	12	16	18
Sainsbury	326	44	51	-	1½	4	-
(*365)	356	19	30	-	7	12	-
	386	5½	14	-	25	28	-
Shell	460	80	86	89	2	3	5
(*537)	500	40	53	59	4½	8	14
	550	7	23	27	30	33	38
Smkld Beech	750	70	93	112	6	15	21
(*805)	800	36	60	82	21	32	39
	850	14	37	55	50	60	63
Storehse	100	16	19	21	2	3½	5
(*111)	110	8	11	15	4½	7	9
	120	3½	7	10½	10	13	15
Trafalgar	231	30	35	-	5	13	-
(*252)	251	16	22	-	11	22	-
	271	7½	13	-	23	35	-
Ultramar	260	19	31	33	5½	9½	15
(*270)	280	9	18	23	15	18	25
	300	4	11	-	33	35	-
Unilever	650	127	-	-	2	-	-
(*768)	700	79	92	-	4	8	-
	750	39	57	70	13	22	28
	800	14	32	45	42	49	53
Utd Bisc	360	52	58	65	2	5	11
(*405)	390	28	38	47	9	15	22
	420	10	23	30	27	30	36

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA	390	57	67	-	4	6	-
(*440)	420	37	46	58	9	14	19
	460	12	24	36	28	35	38
BAT Ind	650	50	70	79	13	18	24
(*688)	700	22	40	50	35	43	45
	750	8	20	31	77	77	81
	800	3½	10	18	125	126	126
BTR	390	49	61	66	4½	8½	13
(*432)	420	24	40	46	14	19	24
	460	8	20	27	38	41	47
Br Aero	500	57	-	-	7	-	-
(*548)	550	25	43	49	28	33	43
	600	8½	23	30	62	67	73
Br Telecm	360	49	53	62	3	7	9
(*399)	390	25	33	43	9	16	18½
	420	10½	18	28	27	31	34
Cadbury	390	32	47	52	14	20	26
(*404)	420	20	32	37	30	34	39
	460	8	17	22	60	60	63
Guinness	950	104	132	144	8½	16	23
(*1034)	1000	67	95	110	21	30	40
	1050	38	65	83	43	52	62
GEC	180	25	26½	32	2	3½	4½
(*199)	200	9½	14	20	7½	10	12
	220	3	6	11	21	22	23
Hanson	200	26	27½	30	2	5½	7
(*219)	220	10	14	18½	8	14½	16
	240	3½	6	10	22	28½	29½
LASMO	300	38	48	51	6	10	14
(*324)	330	17	28	34	18	23	26
	360	7	15	21	40	41	42
P & O	500	95	112	-	3	6	-
(*582)	550	53	72	81	10	16	25
	600	23	43	52	32	37	45
Pilkington	140	34	37	-	2	5	-
(*168)	160	19	23	29	6½	11	14
	180	8	13	19	18	23	24
Prudential	240	27	35	39	4	7	10
(*263)	260	15	23	27	11	14	18
	280	5	11	17	25	26	28

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Racal Elec	200	44	55	-	8	12	-
(*229)	220	33	45	-	13	20	-
	240	22	33	-	24	31	-
Racal Tel	300	50	55	-	3	8	-
(*337)	330	28	37	-	12	18	-
	360	13	22	-	27	33	-
RTZ	550	50	70	77	10	16	24
(*590)	600	22	42	47	32	38	47
	650	7	22	27	72	74	77
Scot New	360	66	71	-	2½	6	-
(*416)	390	41	49	60	6½	14	16
	420	20	29	42	19	26	29
Tesco	260	21	30	34	5½	8½	11
(*274)	280	9	18	23	16	18	21
	300	3½	10	14	31	32	35
Thames W.	350	36	43	-	3½	7	-
(*381)	370	24	29	-	9	14	-
	400	7½	14	-	28	30	-
Lucas	140	24	25	28	3½	6	7
(*159)	160	9	12	17	12	15	17
	180	3	6	9½	28	30	31

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Fisons	460	47	62	73	4½	11	14
(*497)	500	19	36	47	16	24	30
	550	4½	16	26	54	55	60

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abbey Nat	280	33	42	49	1	3½	7
(*309)	300	15	27	34	4	8½	13
	330	2½	11	18½	21	25	28
Amstrad	45	7	9	10½	1½	3½	5
(*50)	50	3½	6½	8½	2½	6	6
	60	1¼	3	5	11	13	14
Barclays	420	58	72	82	1	4	8
(*477)	460	22	42	54	5½	14	20
	500	4	20	32	27	34	41
Blue Circ	240	30	36	44	1½	5½	8½
(*268)	260	12	22	32	6	12	16
	280	3½	13	21	18	24	27
Br Gas	240	36	43	46	1	1½	4
(*274)	260	17	26	31	2	5	8
	280	4	13	18	9	13	17
Dixons	240	23	33	39	2	7	11
(*261)	260	10	20	28	8	15	18
	280	3½	11	18	21	25	29
Eurotunnel	420	80	100	117	1½	12	18
(*486)	460	40	67	80	7	23	35
	500	20	40	62	27	40	35
Forte	260	32	36	42	1	4½	7
(*292)	280	15	22	30	4	10	14
	300	5	12	19	14	21	24
Glaxo	1250	114	147	182	5	24	35
(*1359)	1300	70	113	147	16	38	50
	1350	33	84	118	37	60	70
Hawker	500	110	117	127	1	4	7
(*607)	550	64	72	90	3	11	17
	600	24	39	60	15	30	33
Hillsdown	200	40	45	49	1	1½	3½
(*239)	220	20	29	34	2	5½	8
	240	7	16	22	8	14	17
Lonrho	220	22	30	33	1½	5	10½
(*238)	240	6	16	20	7	12	20
	260	2	7½	12	24	26	34
Midland	220	38	47	55	1	4½	8
(*255)	240	20	32	41	3	9½	14
	260	7	21	30	11	19	23
Reuter	800	113	143	168	3	16	28
(*908)	850	69	107	133	9	29	45
	900	34	75	103	24	48	67
	950	12	49	78	54	77	90
R-Royce	130	10½	15½	19	3	6½	9
(*139)	140	5	10½	14	7	11	13½
	160	1	3½	6½	26½	27	29
Sears	70	22	23	24	1	1½	2
(*90)	80	12	14	15½	1	2½	3½
	90	4	7	9½	3½	6	7½
Thorn EMI	700	112	128	135	1	6½	9
(*810)	750	63	86	97	3	14	18
	800	25	52	65	14	30	35
	850	6	24	44	46	35	43
TSB	130	29	33	34	1	1½	2½
(*157)	140	19	24	26	1	2½	4½
	160	3½	10	13½	5½	8½	11
Vaal Reefs	50	9½	12	14	1	3½	4½
(*$59)	60	2½	8	8	5	8	9½
Wellcome	650	100	115	137	2	9	15
(*746)	700	54	79	100	7	22	29
	750	20	49	72	25	44	52

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastn Elec	160	27	31	35	2	4½	5½
(*182)	180	12	17	22	7½	11½	13
	200	3½	8	13	21	24	25

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Nat Power	130	29	33	35	1	1½	2½
(*157)	140	19	24	26	1½	2½	4½
	160	4	10½	13½	6	9	13
Scot Power	90	18	21	-	1	1½	-
(*106)	100	9	12½	-	1½	3	-
	110	2	6	-	5½	6½	-

FT-SE INDEX (*2669)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Sep	202	153	104	62	32	14
Oct	220	171	129	90	58	36
Nov	240	197	156	118	86	58
Dec	256	214	174	137	102	77
Jun	350	-	280	-	215	-
Puts						
Sep	4½	7	12	22	46	85
Oct	12	17	25	37	58	92
Nov	18	23	31	49	63	90
Dec	25	33	44	58	79	103
Jun	55	-	80	-	115	-

September 3, 1991 Total: 27386 Calls 16531 Puts 10855 FT-SE: Calls 5112 Puts 3441.
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Lamont's judgment of Salomon

COMMENT

Norman Lamont has a tricky decision to make in the next day or two. Should he jettison Salomon from the team that is handling the £5 billion sale of Government owned shares in British Telecom? However unfair this may seem to the British corporate finance arm of Salomon, which has certainly justified its place in the squad, the errors of its American colleagues will almost certainly prove decisive. For the Chancellor, dumping Salomon would be an expedient piece of damage limitation while the American end of the group is under investigation from four separate federal agencies.

The Chancellor will not wish to run the risk that the issue will be tainted by Salomon's breaches of rules governing US Treasury bond auctions. British Treasury officials will not relish comparison with their American counterparts, among the aggrieved parties in the Salomon scandal.

Retaining Salomon would be a hostage to fortune and a gift to Mr Lamont's opponents at a time when talk of a November election dominates City luncheon rooms. The presence of Lord Young of Graffham, lately at the trade departmentand now on Salomon's board, may also complicate matters.

Lord Young, who was not in any way personally involved with the bond auction mayhem, has been appointed head of a committee to review Salomon's operations in the light of top level resignations and sackings which followed the recent disclosures. Labour's anti-privatisation lobby would be quick to claim that favours were being done to a former colleague if Mr Lamont retained Salomon as an adviser.

Without the complication of the Salomon connection, the BT issue looks like a guaranteed success. Market conditions are perfect for the private investor, who perversely prefers to buy shares on a steady rise in prices rather than at the bottom of the market when they have, by definition, been falling.

British institutions are natural buyers of BT stock in which they are under weight. BT's excellent prospects for further rationalisation in an industry which will grow faster than most in the long term should also ensure a high level of overseas interest. Mr Lamont need take no chances.

Budget blues

Yesterday, the German parliament began a three-day debate on the 1992 budget, at DM422.6 billion the largest on record, amid widespread dissatisfaction with the government's handling of unification. The country's association of chambers of commerce, publicly congratulated France for having achieved a lower rate of infla-tion than Germany.

Others do not mince their words. Heinrich Weiss, president of the Federation of German Employers, said "we cannot allow the economic capability of our country to be undermined because the politicians do not have the will to counter wishes for money from all sides." Similar comments came recently from the Bundesbank, private sector economists and nearly all the newspapers.

At the heart of the debate is the need to incur savings in western Germany in response to the rising demand for funds from the east, which make up about a quarter of the budget. Modest progress in subsidy cuts has been made, most notably a commitment to save DM30 billion in subsidies. But subsidies, like wages, have traditionally proved extremely sticky in Germany. It is therefore more appropriate to regard Germany's DM50 billion forecast federal deficit not as an economic variable, which can adjusted at will, but as a political constant.

Theo Waigel, the finance minister, was right yesterday to warn not to panic and "to dramatise the inflationary dangers" which resulted from unification.

The rise in underlying inflation is essentially the consequence of increased demand in the German economy since unification. Private sector investment in eastern Germany will eventually lead to higher capacity, and there are already signs that investment is picking up strongly.

The temporary rises in inflation and in the fiscal deficits are therefore inevitable short-term consequences of unification, and should not be regarded as cause for excessive gloom.

One might even say that an inflation rate of only 4.1 per cent, of which 0.7 percentage points stem from tax increases, is a considerable achievement in view of the considerable demand shocks.

Yes m'lud

Wearing his Cable and Wireless hat this time, Lord Young's management shuffle at the company could be straight out of an episode of *Yes Minister.*

By dividing the business into two, he has effectively concentrated power in his own hands as executive chairman. As noted above, he has plenty to do as a non-executive director of Salomon. This may explain the exit of Gordon Owen, the chief executive who created Mercury and must have expected to run the show under a part-time new chairman. A new chief executive is promised, later. British institutional shareholders will not hear Mr Owen's side of this story since his departure agreement included a confidentiality clause. They dislike such agreements as much as they disapprove of combining the top posts. Will they act?

Taylor Woodrow provides three unpleasant surprises

FEW surprises were expected in Taylor Woodrow's interim results, given that they came just five months after the company launched its £162 million rights issue and less than three months since Peter Drew, TW's chairman, warned shareholders to expect lower profits, telling them that trading conditions were the worst for half a century.

But what surprises there were were largely unpleasant. They included three sets of provisions, which the company would prefer not to quantify but describes as substantial, plus the news that pre-tax profits had fallen 33 per cent to £25.3 million.

Spending plan: Peter Drew, TW chairman, aims at construction and housebuilding

The provisions show how widely the recession is hitting TW. The first relates to Kensington Green, a central London residential development best known for the top of the market price TW paid for the former St Mary Abbots hospital site. It is now being turned into very expensive flats and town houses, in conjunction with Mitsui Kensetsu, and analysts believe the development required a provision of £8 million to £9 million.

Provisions thought to be of a similar magnitude were taken against TW's American contracting business and against its involvement in the consortium building the Great Storebaelt Bridge in Denmark.

The good news was that there were no provisions against the Channel tunnel project, where TW is part of the TML consortium, while the sale of a Brighton shopping centre produced a surplus of £10 million to £15 million.

But there is no escaping the miserable fundamentals. Construction, the engine that drives TW, is languishing, with a forward order book of £1 billion, £300 million below the level a year ago. Housebuilding too shows no sign of recovery.

Following the rights issue, gearing falls to just 9 per cent, leaving the company clearly well placed to survive the slump. Mr Drew said he planned to spend the rights proceeds on housebuilding and commercial property, and so far has bought a 5 per cent stake in YJ Lovell and spent £41 million on an industrial portfolio from Slough Estates.

Neither move looks likely to set the world alight. This year's profis could be as low as £45 million, putting the shares on a price/earnings multiple of almost 27.

Bowater

Recession management, like comedy and cricket, is a question of timing. Last week Williams Holdings showed what can be achieved by reacting to downturn early enough. Now it is Bowater's turn.

David Lyon, the chief executive, and his team have been on recession alert since April 1989. That gave them time to make provision for redundancies and other cost-cutting measures before the full effects of the slump were felt. Hence the forecast-beating 5 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £51 million for the half year to end-June.

The figure is flattered by £3 million of capitalised interest and £12 million of pension surplus, so the 23 per cent fall in operating profits to £46.4 million probably gives a fairer reflection of difficult trading conditions. Particular problem areas are Brazil, where an economic squeeze resulted in losses, and Australia, where profits were halved.

The group as a whole saw an 8 per cent fall in sales during the half year, which ended with little sign of an upturn apart from "limited signs of improvement" in the US. But the longer the recession continues, the greater Bowater's relative outperformance is likely to be. Gearing is manageable at around 35 per cent and capital expenditure has continued at record rates throughout the downturn.

The arguments have not been wasted on the market and the shares have enjoyed a strong run in recent months. Analysts' full-year profit forecasts of £110 to £115 million put the shares on a multiple of about 14 times prospective earnings. They are fully valued at current levels but worth picking up on weakness.

Sedgwick

BROKERS are weathering the insurance cycle better than underwriters, but it is hard going. In the more important first half of the year, Sedgwick Group's pre-tax profit dipped 3.5 per cent to £65.3 million, despite the cost cutting and rationalisation programme which helped reduce operating expenses by 1 per cent.

The main Sedgwick James business, servicing companies on both sides of the Atlantic, increased operating profits moderately, but this was undermined on all sides. Reinsurance broking suffered from a shortage of business which more than offset higher premium rates. Profits from Lloyd's underwriting agency virtually disappeared. Net interest income suffered from falling rates despite successful hedging, and a weaker dollar cost £5.5 million.

The good news is that the strengthening of the dollar, if not reversed, should recoup the exchange losses for the year as a whole. On trading, however, the group is now markedly more cautious than three months ago. Though some premium rates have hardened, notably on the marine side, American rates have weakened again in recent crucial business months.

The group will do well if it matches last year's full year pre-tax profit of £91 million before reorganisation charges. That would give earnings of about 14p per share to cover a maintained dividend, valuing the shares at more than 19 times earnings with a yield of 5.9 per cent. That demands recovery, of which there is as yet little evidence.

As County NatWest's Simon Willis points out, recovery requires a strong rise in American premium rates, though a further rise in the dollar would give a short-term boost. The shares look high enough for now, but have long-term potential.

Byatt may cut water charge limits

IAN Byatt, the director general of water services, has issued a public reminder to water and sewage companies that he may cut their charging limits for the 1992-3 financial year unless they persuade him otherwise (Graham Serjeant writes).

In a routine letter to managing directors of the ten privatised groups and 24 former private water companies, he reminds them that they must submit claims for extra costs to be passed through to customers by October 1, and that they have the option of deferring part of their permitted price increases voluntarily.

Mr Byatt also invites them to submit more up to date information on trading and investment than he already has. The director general may himself vary the originally agreed price limits for next year after a review of costs that have been lower or income higher than budgeted.

Few companies are likely to apply for extra costs to be passed through if they can avoid it, since this would trigger a more thorough review of charging limits.

Ofwat has also brought into effect the new licence provision announced in June to curb diversification moves that could endanger the companies' investment programmes in their core business.

Directors wanting to diversify have to show that they have sufficient financial and managerial resources for their core business. Mr Byatt has also made it clear that he expects to be consulted in advance about diversification moves, although he has no direct power to enforce this.

Ian Byatt: reminder

China-backed bidder seeks to calm Hong Kong fears

LARRY Yung, China's most prominent businessman in Hong Kong, yesterday sought to dispel fears that Peking would overrun the crown colony's economy, after giving details of a HK$7 billion bid for a large trader.

Mr Yung, with a group of Hong Kong tycoons, has offered to buy all the shares of Hang Chong Investment, an enormously profitable group which distributes Japanese cars, at HK$330 per share, valuing the firm at HK$6.94 billion (£531 million).

Hang Chong's board accepted the offer last night, and at least 44 per cent of the shareholders have already agreed to the sale.

The deal has been engineered by Mr Yung, the managing director of Citic Hong Kong, the local subsidiary of the China International Trust and Investment Corp, which is based in Peking.

Citic Pacific, the listed vehicle of Citic Hong Kong, is the largest shareholder of the bidding consortium which also includes Li Ka Shing, chairman of Hutchison Whampoa, Cheng Yu Tung, chairman of New World Development, and Robert Kuok, owner of the Kerry Trading Co and Shangri-La hotels.

Citic Pacific has a 36 per cent stake in the consortium, Mr Yung 6 per cent, Mr Li has 19 per cent and Mr Cheng's unlisted Chow Tai Fook Enterprises with 18 per cent.

The acquistion of a controlling stake in Hang Chong would raise Citic's economic stake in Hong Kong, and give the Chinese group a trading arm to rival some of the big trading hongs such as Hutchison Whampoa, Jardine Matheson and Inchcape Pacific.

Yung: dispelled fears

"We may be investing more and more in Hong Kong, but that doesn't mean China will be running Hong Kong's economy. All our companies are run and managed by Hong Kong people," Mr Yung said.

> 'All our companies are run by Hong Kong people'

The free-wheeling entrepreneur, who leads a glamorous lifestyle in the colony, is the son of Rong Yiren, Citic's founder and China's leading capitalist businessman.

Citic Hong Kong, which is China's main overseas investment arm, has rapidly expanded its influence in the colony by investing heavily in the infrastructure of both Hong Kong and Macau. The company has interests in the aviation, transport, telecommunications, property and banking sectors.

In July, Citic Hong Kong injected its 12.5 per cent stake in Cathay Pacific Airways and its 20 per cent interest in Macau Telecom into Citic Pacific, the group's listed vehicle, which already held 38 per cent of Dragonair, Hong Kong's second airline.

"With Hang Chong, Citic Pacific will become more diversified and more profitable. We are interested in Hang Chong because it is a highly profitable company. Nothing will change after the takeover. It will continue to be run by the existing management," Mr Yung said.

Hang Chong owns Dah Chong Hong, the colony's biggest car distribution and servicing network, and has nearly HK$5 billion worth of properties in Hong Kong, the United States, Japan, Singapore and Canada.

During 1990, Hang Chong recorded net profits of more than HK$1 billion on a turnover of HK$10.3 billion.

The company's earnings per share grew from HK$13.36 during 1986 to HK$49.65 last year, representing a compound increase of 38.8 per cent annually, and it had a net asset value of HK$7.79 billion, or HK$370 per share, as valued by Schroders Asia, the group's financial adviser, in June.

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Conflicting analysis

HAS Union Bank of Switzerland's ownership of Phillips & Drew brought with it a relentless quest for increased market share? Some analysts are believed to feel uncomfortable with what they see as a conflict of interest. Making that point, Jill Johnson, aged 32, ranked number two among food retailing analysts, has resigned from P&D, claiming that she wants to end her ten-year career in the City. "I'm fed up with broking, it has stopped being rewarding," says Johnson, previously employed by James Capel and enticed to P&D on a two-year contract reputed to be worth £500,000. "Your number one priority has to be to build market share but if you are an analyst, you also want to get it right and those two aims are not always compatible," she explains. "If you are going to get your recommendations right, you have to advise on timing as well and that may mean that you do no business." Johnson will be leaving in "a month or two" and intends to enrol in a course on furniture restoration or history of art. In its quest for a replacement, P&D has made an offer to Andrew Fowler of Charterhouse Tilney, but he has not yet signed on the dotted line.

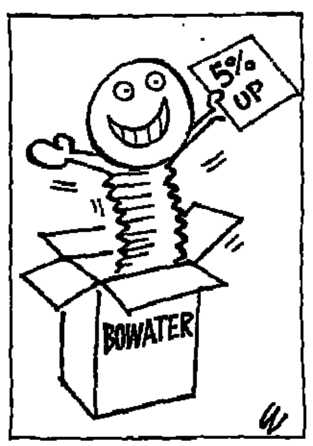
AN ANONYMOUS merchant banker telephoned the City Diary to reveal that the code name being used by all parties involved in the merger negotiations between Rosehaugh and Stanhope, the two property companies, is "stagecoach". The coy broker says: "I thought it was rather amusing, since stagecoaches are associated with cowboys."

Pipedream

FEW chief executives can be presented with a better opportunity to promote their products than Gary Allen of IMI, the engineering company that manufactures copper pipes and other plumbing accessories. Staying overnight at the Savoy Hotel, London, so that he could discuss the company's latest results with City analysts and institutions, Allen had to change rooms when water began to drip through from the floor above.

Round trip

SIMON Irwin, part of Kleinwort Benson's all-stars team, is leaving the firm to sail round the world. Irwin, aged 27, and James Woosnam, a computer consultant, also aged 27, will leave in early October aboard White Gold II, a 36-ft yacht, bound for the Canary Islands. They hope to be in the Caribbean by Christmas then travel via the Panama Canal to Australia, reaching the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean in a year. "It's all quite frightening at the moment," says Irwin, who leaves the oil desk in the very capable hands of Mehdi Varzi, Fiona Nicol and Paul Spedding.



Soviet link

THOUGH the Soviet Union may be turning its back on the old-style bureaucrats, there will always be room for accountants. Three young graduates have arrived in London to train with Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte. Igor Stopnikov, Tatiyana Kudryakova and Vladimir Ismailov, left Moscow just as tanks were pouring into the city. Two are to train at C&L's offices in Maidstone, Kent, with George Emmerson, a partner who is fluent in Russian and who helped set up the firm's Soviet office.

FROM a Surrey insurance broker's circular, in an article about insurance cover for the cost of a funeral: "... No matter how important you think you are, the thing that determines the size of your funeral is the weather."

Eye on Southwest

THE peace of the Southwest is about to be shattered, if John Wakefield has anything to do with it. Wakefield, who helped set up the corporate finance department at Williams de Broë, moved to Somerset in February and joined Dartington, a Bristol merchant bank. Now, he hopes to catch the eye of the quoted companies based in that region, which number almost 70. "We offer corporate finance services and will hopefully move on to new issues," says Wakefield, whose wife, Sarah Lomas, before their westward move, was head of conveyancing at Bates, Wells & Braithwaite, the City law firm.

CAROL LEONARD

STOCK MARKET

Shares and dealers pause for breath

CITY fund managers were in a cautious mood, deciding on a period of consolidation to allow time to ponder the market's record-breaking run.

Many took the view that Monday's 33-point surge to an all-time high had left share prices looking frothy. Dealers gave warning that the equity market was running ahead of events — cheered by good news on economic and political fronts — and had left market-makers drastically short of stock.

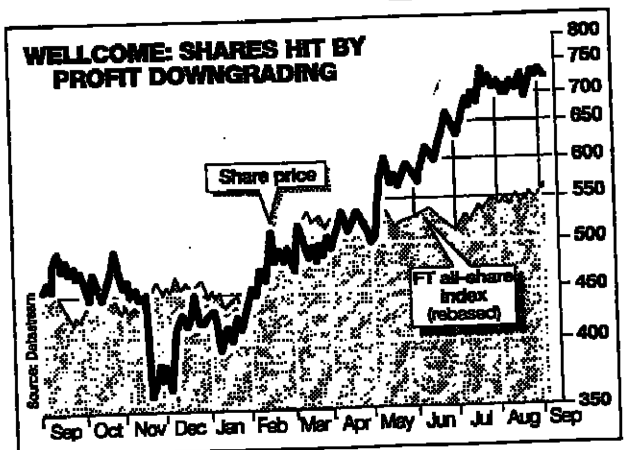
As a result, many dealers spent yesterday biding their time, reluctant to open new positions and allowing market-makers to call prices lower in the hope of attracting a few sellers. There were some signs of profit taking, but turnover remained thin, with only 432 million shares traded. This left market-makers looking for stock.

The FT-SE 100 index ended 10.6 points lower at 2,669.0. An early rise of 4.1 points was whittled away after Wall Street failed to offer any lead in resumed trading after being closed on Monday for the Labor Day celebrations. The FT index of 30 shares dropped 11.9 to 2,096.4. Analysts are forecasting quieter times during the next couple of months as institutions dig deep into their pockets to finance the final instalment for the electricity companies and the sale of the government's remaining stake in **British Telecom**, unchanged at 399p. But the prospect of another cut in bank base rates and speculation about a November general election is expected to restrict any serious setbacks for the market.

Government securities, cheered by the prospect of cheaper money, sported gains of £¼ at the longer end.

Elsewhere, dealers continued to speculate about the possibility of several large rights issues being announced within the next couple of weeks. **Blue Circle** eased 2p to 268p before half-year figures tomorrow. Talk in the market suggests the group will also take the opportunity to ask shareholders for about £400 million to finance growth as the economy starts to pull out of recession.

British Aerospace, reporting next week, is also reckoned to be on the verge of raising about £500 million to strengthen the balance sheet and provide finance for expansion. The shares, a weak market of late, firmed 2p to 549p.



BTR, with interim figures tomorrow, dropped 10p to 432p, while **RTZ** fell 13p to 590p after disappointing figures from CRA, its Australian subsidiary.

Wellcome fell 14p to 746p after learning of a substantial profit downgrading from Lehman Brothers, the New York securities house. Analysts at Lehman say sales of Retrovir, the group's anti-Aids drug, have not been as high as originally expected. They are still looking for pre-tax profits to have risen from £315 million to £380 million for the year to August just ended, but have cut their profits estimate for next year by £20 million to £460 million and sales of Retrovir by $60 million to $400 million. The profits estimate for 1993 has also been cut, from £570 million to £540 million, and sales estimates are down $100 million to $500 million. The broker is urging clients to take profits.

Ultramar remains a dull market with the shares falling a further 9p to 270p, compared with a high of 358p. The steering committee of the FT-SE 100 index constituents is due to meet on September 18, to discuss new entries. On current market capitalisation, Ultramar is the company most likely to be dropped.

Taylor Woodrow fell 12p to 213p after reporting a slump in first-half pre-tax profits from £38 million to £25.3 million. All divisions of the group had been affected by high interest rates and the downturn in confidence.

Sedgwick, the insurance broker, fell 3p to 268p after a setback in half-year pre-tax profits from £67.7 million to £65.3 million. Exchange rate movements, costing £5.5 million, were blamed.

Bowater ran into profit taking, losing 2p at 693p after reporting interim figures at the top end of expectations. Pre-tax profits were up from £48.4 million to £51 million.

Boddington, the pubs and sheltered accomodation group, was unchanged at 162p after its second buy in less than a week. The group has bought Kings (Beers & Minerals), said to be one of the largest independent drink wholesalers operating within the M25 area. Last year, Kings made pre-tax profits of £500,000 on sales of £10 million.

Global Petroleum eased 1p to 39p after agreeing to acquire Stevenson Holdings and its gas field in New Mexico. The terms of the deal are equivalent to £1.2 million and will be satisfied with the issue of new shares.

Kelt Energy, the oil exploration group, held steady at 16p after Ashraf Marwan increased his holding in the company from 9.1 per cent to 9.8 per cent. Shares in the company were trading below the 1p level at one stage this year, before the financial reconstruction.

Shares of **Headlam Group**, the industrial footwear specialist, were suspended at 63p pending an announcement. The group is paying Hickson International £10.5 million for its flooring distribution business. Shares in Hickson, which will use the proceeds to reduce gearing, rose 13p to 206p.

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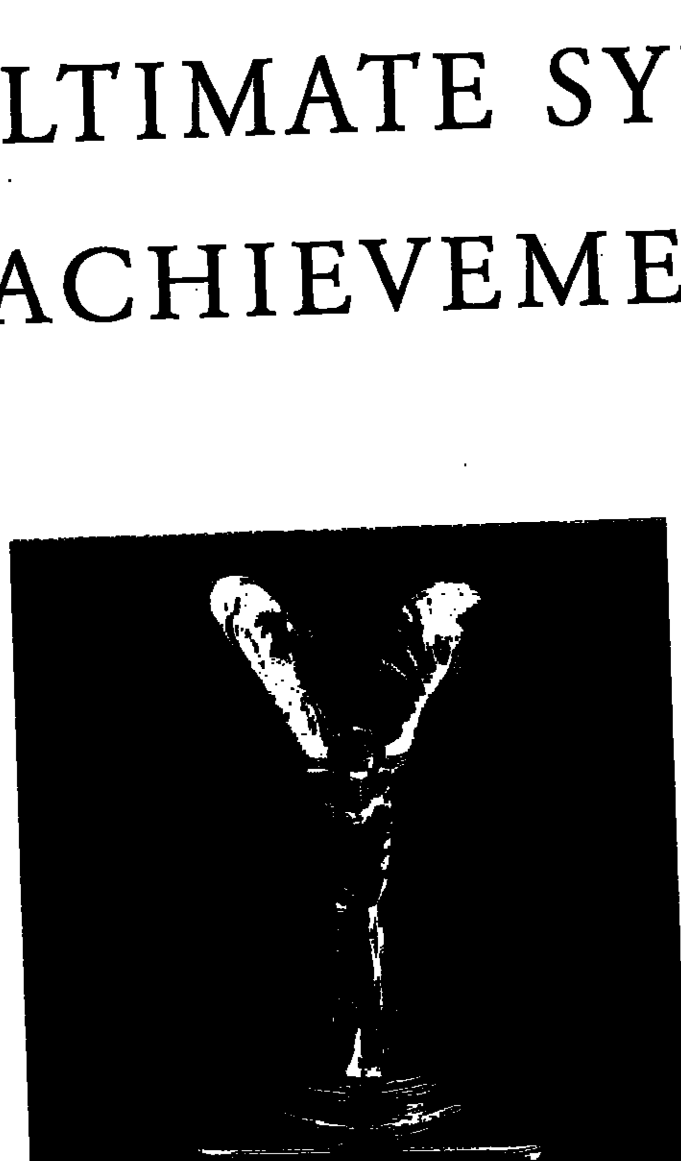

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WORLD MARKETS

Australian shares leap on rates cut

Sydney
AN EASING in monetary policy sent Australian shares higher across the board and took the leading index 1.9 per cent higher. The all ordinaries index closed at 1,568.6 points, up 29.7.

Brokers reported a rush of buying orders after the Reserve Bank of Australia cut official interest rates one percentage point to 9.5 per cent in response to falling inflation.

Geoff Wilson, a Prudential-Bache Securities broker, said the interest rates cut would boost company earnings, which in turn would lead to higher share prices.

He and other brokers said, however, that the move could rebound in the longer term if market speculation of political motives prompting the cut proved correct.

Tokyo — Shares ended little changed. Program-trading kept the Nikkei average drifting up and down, while bargain-hunters and profit-takers played tug-of-war in the broader market. The Nikkei index was up 0.79 points to 22,469.80, with 320 million shares changing hands.

Frankfurt — German shares edged higher in quiet trading, as investors focused on second-tier shares. The DAX index rose 5.18 points to 1,655.64, having spent the entire session in a narrow three-point band.

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Wall Street holds firm

New York
WALL Street shares held a moderately firm tone in late morning activity, while blue chips maintained moderate advances. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.56 points at 3,042.04.

Advancing shares narrowly outpaced declining shares. More than 52 million shares changed hands.

William Lefevre, a market strategist at Tucker Anthony, said that the market was supported by beginning-of-month buying by institutions.

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WALL STREET

	Sep 3 midday	Aug 30 close		Sep 3 midday	Aug 30 close		Sep 3 midday	Aug 30 close
Abbott Lab	54%	54%	Enron	64%	65%	Oryx Enrgy	35%	36
Aetna Life	36%	35%	Entergy	24%	24%	Pac Ent	29%	29%
Ahmanson	17%	18%	Ethyl	26%	25%	Pac Gas Elec	27%	27%
Air Prods	69%	68%	Exxon	58%	58%	Pac Telesis	42%	42%
Albertsons	42%	42%	Fed NMA	60%	61%	Paccar	47%	46%
Alcan Al	20%	20%	Fedrl Expre	38%	39%	Pacificorp	23	23
Alco Stand	33%	34%	Flt Norstar	25%	25%	Pall	38%	39%
Allied Signal	38%	38%	Fluor	45%	45%	Paramount	38%	38%
Alumin CA	69%	69%	FMC	46%	46%	Parker-Hanfn	26%	26%
Am Brands	45%	44%	Ford Motor	31	31%	Penney	52	51%
Am Cyanmd	65%	66	FPL	32%	32%	Pennzoil	68	67%
Am EPC	30%	30%	Fst Chicago	27	27	Pepsico	31%	32%
Am General	38%	38%	Fst Intrsta	33%	33%	Pfizer	65%	65%
Am Home	64%	64%	Fst Union	26%	26%	Philips Pet	26%	26%
Am Intl	84%	84%	Gannett	46	46%	Philips Elec	21%	21%
Am Stores	40%	39%	GAP	42	43%	Phlip Morris	74	74%
Amax	20%	21	Gen Cinema	22%	22%	Phlps Dodge	69%	69%
Amer Hess	58%	58%	Gen Elec	74%	75	Pitney Bow	60%	60%
Amertech	61%	61%	Gen Mills	63%	64%	Placer Dm	11%	11
Amex	26%	26%	Gen Motors	37%	38	PNC Fncl	41%	41%
Amoco	52%	52%	Gen RE	89%	89%	Prhdle Estn	13%	13%
AMP	53%	53%	Gen Signal	46%	45%	Polaroid	26	25%
AMR	59%	59%	Genuine Pts	40%	41%	PPG Inds	56%	56%
Anheuser-B	54%	54%	Georgia-Pac	56%	56%	Prctr Gmble	83%	83%
Apple Comp	53	53	Gillette	43%	44	Price	63%	63%
Archer-Dan	25%	25%	Goodrich	45%	44%	Primerica	33%	33%
Arkla	17%	17%	Goodyear	38%	38%	Pub Service	27%	28%
Armco	4%	4%	Grace	39	38%	Quaker Oats	60%	60%
Armstrong	32%	32%	Greyhound	36%	36%	Ralston Pur	51%	51%
Asarco	25%	25%	Gt Atlantic	38%	38%	Raychem	32%	32%
Ashland Oil	30%	30%	Gt Western	18	19	Raytheon	80%	82
AT&T	39	39	GTE	29%	30	Reebok	33%	32%
Atlan Richfld	119%	119%	Hallbrtn	38%	39%	Roadway	48%	49%
Auto DP	35	34%	Heinz	44%	44%	Rockwell	26%	26%
Avery Denn	23%	23%	Hercules	40%	40%	Rohm Haas	47%	47%
Avon Prod	45%	45%	Hershey Fd	41%	41%	Royal Dutch	81%	81%
Baltimore	31%	31%	Hewlett Pkd	52%	52%	Rubbermaid	57%	57%
Banc One	45%	45%	Hilton Htl	40%	40%	Rymlds Mtl	60%	61%
Bankamerica	43%	43%	Home Depot	53%	53%	Safeco	37%	38
Bard	25%	25%	Homestake	14%	14%	Salomon	25%	25%
Barnett Bk	34	34%	Honeywell	56	57	Sant Fe Pac	10%	9%
Bausch Lmb	48%	47%	Houston Ind	37%	37%	Sara Lee	45%	45%
Baxter Intl	35%	35%	Hschld Intl	56%	56	Schecorp	44	43%
Bec Dickin	69%	69%	Humana	32%	32%	Schlumbgr	72%	72%
Bell Atlan	50	49%	IBM	96%	96%	Schrg-Plgh	57%	57%
Bellsouth	49	48%	IF&F	82%	82%	Scott Papr	41%	41%
Bkr Hughes	27	27	Illinois TW	64%	64%	Seagram	116%	116%
Black Decker	18%	18%	Inco	33%	34	Sears Rbk	41%	41%
Block	60	59%	Ingsol-Rand	47%	48	Secrty Pac	34%	35%
Bnkrs Tst NY	58%	58%	Inland Steel	21%	22	Shrwn-Wlms	24%	23%
Boeing	49%	49%	Intel	48%	49%	Skyline	15	14%
Boise Casc	27%	27%	Intl Paper	69%	69%	Snap-on Tls	30%	31%
Borden	36%	36	ITT	60	60	Southern	27%	27%
Bristl-Myer	86%	87	James River	28%	28%	St Paul	64%	64%
Browng-Fer	26	25%	Johnsn Jhsn	92%	92%	Stanley Wk	39%	40%
Burl Nth	35	34%	K Mart	46%	45%	Stone Cntr	21%	21%
CAI	8%	8%	Kellogg	106%	106%	Sun Co	32%	32%
Campbell Sp	84%	84%	Kerr-McGee	42%	42%	Suntst Bk	34%	34%
Cap Cities	437%	437%	Kimbly-Clrk	95%	96%	Super Valu	27	27
Capital HC	48%	48%	Knght-Rddr	54%	55	SW Bell	55%	55
Carolina	47%	47%	Lilly	84%	84	Syntex	44	44%
Caterpillar	47%	47%	Limited	26	26%	Sysco	46%	46%
CBS	160	160%	Lin Brdcstg	72%	73	Tandem	12%	12%
Central SW	47%	47%	Lincln Nat	49%	49%	Tandy	28%	28%
Champion	26%	26%	Litton Ind	87%	87%	Tele-comm	13%	13%
Chase Man	20%	20%	Lockheed	43	42%	Teledyne	20%	20%
Chem Bnkg	26%	26%	Louis-Pac	44%	44%	Temple-In	48	48%
Chevron	71%	71%	Manu Hano	30%	29%	Tenneco	40%	40%
Chrysler	12%	12%	Marriott	17%	17%	Texaco	64%	64%
Chubb	66	65%	Marsh Mclen	76	76%	Texas Inst	31%	31%
Cigna	42%	42%	Martin Mar	53	52%	Texas Util	37%	37%
Citicorp	14%	14%	Masco	23%	24	Textron	33%	33%
Clbrne Liz	42%	43%	May Dept	58%	59%	Time Wrnr	82%	83%
Clorox	41%	41%	Maytag	14%	14%	Times Mirr	32%	32%
Cmwlth Edis	39%	39%	McDnl Doug	55%	55%	Timken	28%	29
CNA Fincl	82%	82%	McDonalds	32%	32%	Torchmark	50%	50%
Coastal	31%	31%	McGraw-Hill	54%	54%	Toys R Us	34	35%
Coca-Cola	66	65%	MCI Com	29	28%	Transam	35%	35%
Colgate-Pal	41%	41%	Mead	34%	34%	Travelers	18%	18%
Columb Gas	17%	18	Medtronic	67%	66%	Tribune	45%	45%
Compaq	36%	35%	Mellon Bk	33%	33%	TRW	43%	43%
Conagra	47%	48	Melville	47%	48	Tyco Lab	41%	41%
Cons Edis	25%	25%	Merck	127	128%	UAL	136%	137
Cons NG	41%	41%	Merll Lynch	42%	42	Un Camp	45	44%
Cons Rail	73%	74	Minnesota	86%	86%	Un Carbide	21%	21%
Cooper Ind	55%	55%	Mobil	68%	68%	Un Pacific	88%	88%
Corning	70%	70%	Monsanto	73%	73%	Unilever	82	81
CPC Intl	92%	92%	Moore	24%	24%	Unisys	n/a	n/a
Crown Cork	87%	87%	Morgan JP	55%	56%	Unocal	26%	26%
CSX	51%	52	Motorola	66%	66%	Upjohn	43%	44%
Dana	30%	30	Nat Medical	46%	45%	US Life	40%	41%
Dayton-Hud	78%	78%	Nat Semi	5	5	US West	36%	36%
Deere	52%	51%	Nat Service	24%	24%	Usair Gp	12%	12%
Delta Air	66%	66%	Navistar	3%	3	USF&G	6%	6%
Deluxe	46%	46%	NCNB	38%	38%	UST	48%	48%
Detroit Ed	30%	30%	NCR	109%	109	USX Mar	31%	32%
Digital Eq	64%	63%	NED Bncp	41%	41	Utd Tech	48%	47%
Dillard	131%	132	Newmont Min	36	35%	Utd Telcm	26%	26%
Disney	118%	118%	Niagr Mhwk	16%	16%	VF	32%	32%
Dominion	49%	49%	Nike	50%	49%	Wal-Mart	50%	50%
Donnelley	47%	47%	NL Indstrs	16%	16	Waste Mgmt	39%	39%
Dover	36%	36%	Nordstorm	47%	47%	Wells Fargo	76%	76
Dow Chem	53%	59%	Norflk Sthn	60%	50%	Westg Elec	23%	23%
Dow Jones	26%	26%	Norwest	31%	31%	Weyerhsr	27%	27%
Dresser Ind	20%	20%	Ntrn St Pwr	37%	37%	Whirlpool	36%	36%
Du Pont	48	48%	Nthn Telcm	39%	39%	Whitman	13%	13%
Duke Pwr	30%	30	NY Times	22%	22%	Winn-Dixie	37%	36%
Dun Bradst	44%	44%	Nynex	75%	75%	Woolworth	30%	30%
East Kodak	43%	43%	Occid Petrl	24%	24%	Wrigley	63%	63%
Eaton	65	64%	Ohio Edi	19%	19%	Wrner-Lamb	72%	73%
Emerson El	49%	49%	Oracle Sys	11%	11%	Xerox	58%	58%

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 3042.04 (-1.56)*
S&P Composite ... 394.66 (-0.77)*

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ..... 22469.80 (+0.79)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 4025.07 (+1.53)
FT-SE Euro 100 .. 1128.91 (+2.10)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ...... 91.5 (-0.1)

Sydney: AO ...... 1568.6 (+29.5)
Frankfurt: DAX ..... 1655.64 (+5.18)

Brussels:
General .... 5687.69 (+19.84)
Paris: CAC ..... 490.54 (+2.16)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 536.3 (+0.1)
London:
FT.—A All-Share .. 1280.51 (-3.14)
FT — "500" ...... 1420.60 (-4.30)
FT Gold Mines .. 156.5 (+6.2)
FT Fixed interest . 95.35 (+0.08)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 86.39 (+0.23)
Bargains 30102
SEAQ Volume 432.3m
USM (Datastream) .. 127.59 (+0.28)
*Denotes midday trading price

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,270	Cadbury	1,650	Lonrho	813	Royal Bank	1,075
Alld-Lyons	1,627	CU	242	Lucas	231	Royal Ins	1,850
Anglian	802	Courtaulds	332	M&S	1,585	Sainsbury	2,231
ASDA	4,986	Enterprise	152	Maxwell Cm	59	Scot & N	636
AB Foods	789	Eurotunnel	159	MEPC	1,252	Scot Power	3,590
Argyll	2,521	Fisons	1,140	Midland	1,844	Sears	7,500
Arjo Wigg	980	Forte	6,171	Natl Power	7,502	Severn Trnt	2,164
BAA	664	Gen Acc	494	Nat West	1,660	Shell	2,805
BET	745	GEC	4,526	N W Water	695	Smith & N	787
BTR	4,550	Glaxo	1,338	P&O	548	SK Beech	1,802
BAT	1,220	Grand Met	2,093	Pearson	195	Sun Allnce	1,478
Barclays	1,924	GUS 'A'	550	Pilkington	1,812	Tarmac	685
Bass	1,279	GRE	3,083	PowerGen	4,333	Tate Lyle	1,698
BICC	559	Guinness	1,512	Prudential	2,304	TSB	3,633
Bk Scotlnd	837	Hanson	5,796	Racal	4,836	Tesco	3,213
Blue Circle	944	Hawker	200	Rank	460	Thames Wtr	2,343
BOC	322	Hillsdown	1,225	R&C	817	Thorn EMI	393
Boots	1,468	ICI	907	Redland	232	Trafalgar	2,500
Br Aero	1,719	Inchcape	559	Reed	759	Ultramar	1,686
Br Airways	651	Kingfisher	791	Rentokil	239	Unilever	2,750
Br Gas	2,632	Lasmo	848	Reuters	1,004	United Bis	780
Br Petrol	5,415	Ladbroke	3,002	RMC Gp	252	Wellcome	1,345
Br Steel	2,299	Land Sec	1,493	RTZ	2,774	Whitbrd	580
Br Telecm	3,060	L&G	2,083	R-Royce	3,504	Williams	1,950
C&W	1,151	Lloyds	813	Rothmans 'B'	224	Wills Cor	1,041

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 19	September 6	November 21	December 2

Call options were taken out on: 3/9/91 Astra Holdings, Blacks Leisure, Burton Group, Butte Mining, Explaura, Premier Cons Oil.
Put: Bryant Group.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Little follow-through

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 2. Dealings end September 13. §Contango day September 16. Settlement day September 23.

§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Shell	Oil,Gas	
2	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
3	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
4	MEPC	Property	
5	McKay Secs	Property	
6	Caird Gp	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Laing (J)	Building,Roads	
8	Scot TV	Leisure	
9	Helical Bar	Property	
10	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
11	Cater Allen	Banks,Discount	
12	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
13	Tesco	Foods	
14	Vosper Thorny	Industrials S-Z	
15	APV	Industrials A-D	
16	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
17	Greycoat	Property	
18	Baynes (Charles)	Industrials A-D	
19	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
20	Croda	Chemicals,Plas	
21	Kleen-EZe	Industrials E-K	
22	RMC Gp	Building,Roads	
23	Ward Hldgs	Building,Roads	
24	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
25	First Leisure	Leisure	
26	Halstead (James)	Chemicals,Plas	
27	Watmough	Paper,Print,Adv	
28	EIS	Industrials E-K	
29	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
30	IMI	Industrials E-K	
31	Ash & Lacy	Industrials A-D	
32	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
33	Multitone Elect	Electricals	
34	BWI	Industrials A-D	
35	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
36	Provident	Banks,Discount	
37	Land Sec	Property	
38	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
39	Wheway	Industrials S-Z	
40	Rotork	Industrials L-R	
41	Geest	Foods	
42	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
43	AAF Inv	Industrials A-D	
44	Severn Trent	Water	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £12,000 in Saturday's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for yesterday's Portfolio Platinum prize.

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

INDEX-LINKED

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

BREWERIES

BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

ELECTRICITY

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
228	142	East Midlands	202	204●+1		20.1	5.9	8.4
201	134½	Eastern Elect	180	183●..		19.3	6.0	9.0
123	105	Hydro-Electric	111	112	-1	12.2	4.9	13.7
217	138	London Elect	201	203●..		19.9	5.8	7.4
235	160½	Manweb	245	247●..		21.3	5.5	8.6
225	138	Midlands Elec	203	205●-2		20.1	5.8	9.6
222	143	Northern Elec	207	210●-1		21.7	6.2	8.4
226	143	Norweb	215	220●-2		20.8	5.8	14.6
117	100	Scottish Power	105	106	-1½	12.3	5.0	13.0
219	134	Seaboard	205	210●+3		19.7	5.7	8.0
270	154	Sth Wales	243	247●-1		22.5	5.8	9.8
233	139	Sth Western	204	206●+1		20.3	5.9	8.3
220	139½	Southern Elec	200	202●-2		19.3	5.7	15.2
252	157	Yorkshire Elec	235	237●-1		20.8	5.5	8.2
£2240	£1000	Package Unit	£2085		●-£10			
161	110	National Power	155	157●-3½		11.1	4.8	8.9
171½	112	PowerGen	183	185●-3		11.1	4.6	10.4

FINANCE, LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

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LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
772	559	BAT	685	690	-6	42.5	6.2	24.5
11	635	Rothmans 'B'	10⅝	10¾	..	24.7	2.3	13.7

TRANSPORT

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
332	187	Assoc Br Ports	314	317	..	9.7	3.1	14.5
450	326	BAA	440	442 s	..	17.3	3.9	11.7
185	122	Br Airways	179	181	-1½	11.9	6.6	16.2
213	138	Clarkson (H)	207	210	..	10.7	5.1	10.2
280	85	Davies & Newman	120	150	..	..	..	..
584	355	Eurotunnel Units	482	490	-4	..	..	..
28	13½	Eurotunnel Warrants	16	17½	..			
121	75	Fisher (James)	85	87	..	7.3	8.6	8.1
105	75	Graig	98	107●	..	5.3	5.1	8.2
182	100	Hays	160	163	+1	4.9	3.0	16.9
52	36	Jacobs (JI)	39	41	-1	1.3	3.3	11.3
107	77	Lep	92	95	..	8.3	8.9	5.7
22	15	Manchester Ship	15½	17	..	6.0	0.4	..
191	158	Mersey Docks	184	185●	+16½	7.1	3.8	13.8
207	116	NFC	205	208●	+1	7.5	3.5	18.9
383	287	Ocean Group	380	384	+4	16.9	4.9	14.7
48	30	Ocean Wilson	42	44	-1	3.7	8.6	9.0
632	482	P & O Dfd	580	584●	-1	40.7	7.0	14.3
109	87	P & O 5.5%	104	111	..	7.3	6.8	..
351	259	Powell Duffryn	310	317	+1	30.1	9.6	11.0
90	38	TIP Europe	60	62	+3½	2.3	3.8	4.5
144	32	TNT	38	40	+2	..	..	..
458	283	Tibbet & Britten	453	460	..	12.3	2.7	21.1
534	305	Tiphook	545	553●	-5	18.4	3.4	8.4
281	206	Transport Dev	275	278	..	12.7	4.6	17.4
125	85	Turnbull Scott	80	95	-10	..	..	..

WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
385	281	Anglian Water	383	387●	+5	23.3	6.1	8.4
395	258	Northumbrian	367	372●	..	24.8	6.7	5.5
381	251	North West	377	381●	-1	24.0	6.3	6.0
350	228	Severn Trent	348	352●	+6	23.4	6.7	5.4
349	221	Sthn Water	341	345●	-2	23.8	6.9	6.4
366	238	South West	353	358●	-1	26.7	7.5	5.4
394	253	Thames Water	378	383●	+4	23.3	6.1	6.2
387	269	Welsh Water	372	378●	..	26.0	6.9	4.8
387	255	Wessex Water	381	387●	-1	23.6	6.1	6.6
401	264	Yorkshire Water	396	403●	+3	23.6	5.9	7.7

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Masterfst Acc	90.78	97.08	+0.02	2.10
Inc	63.44	67.48	-0.08	1.30
Div/Gth	62.20	66.53	+0.24	5.40
Global Gth Sec	52.17	55.46	+0.07	1.80
Ethical	52.45	56.00	+0.36	3.01
High Inc Equity	141.6	150.6	+0.7	5.84
W'wide Bond	208.3	222.2●	+0.6	6.75
Gilt/Fixed	114.3	121.2●	+0.5	9.49
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 071-374 6801				
Am Inc/Gth	31.81	33.78	-0.12	2.35
Euro	71.39	75.77	-0.13	0.30
Euro Inc	74.47	78.58●	-0.14	1.59
Exempt	797.2	821.7	+1.8	4.97
Extra Inc	40.67	44.01●	+0.16	5.84
F/E Emerg Ec	50.58	54.29	+0.38	1.18
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	363.5	387.1●	-0.3	5.26
Equity Inc	199.2	212.1	-0.2	4.82
High Yield	219.4	233.6	+0.1	4.84
Balanced	578.3	613.7	-0.4	2.99
Am Inc	35.83	38.26●	-0.09	4.00
World Ass Val	33.08	35.17●	-0.11	1.54
Japan	136.4	144.3	-0.1	0.01
Sec of Am	331.5	353.0	-1.4	0.01
BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD PO Box 128 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3030				
Euro Gth	93.64	99.45	+0.04	1.54
1992 Euro Spc	62.47	66.80	+0.05	1.46
Intl Inc	67.56	72.02	-0.19	2.95
N Am Gth	53.04	56.72	-0.30	1.41
Pacific Gth	73.82	78.84	-0.33	1.94
UK Gth Acc	84.33	90.18●	+0.52	2.48
Do Dist	74.14	79.29●	+0.46	3.17
UK Income	62.47	66.81●	+0.21	6.75
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capital	92.60	99.24●	+0.38	3.40
Euro Gth Inc	93.94	102.2●	-0.10	1.82
Extra Inc	99.2	106.1	+0.5	6.09
General	211.8	226.5	+0.7	3.87
Gilt/Fxd Income	51.70	53.57●	+0.16	9.55
Inc Trust	443.8	474.1●	+3.1	5.07
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 081-658 9002				
Amer Gth	70.35	74.49	-0.26	0.40
Am Sm Cos	76.70	81.57	-0.30	0.20
Australia	60.51	65.00	+0.62	1.90
Convertible	47.04	50.31	+0.60	8.40
East	133.6	142.5	-0.4	1.30

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Japan	91.89	99.08	-0.67	0.01
Strategic Opp	48.40	51.77	+0.60	2.00
Intl Currency	47.56	50.45	-0.06	7.84
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Tel: Enquiries 061-236 5685 Dealings 061-236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	97.85	103.5c	-0.39	0.28
Do Acc	103.4	110.0c	-0.38	0.28
European	58.52	62.05●	+0.04	1.31
Do Acc	60.48	64.13●	+0.04	1.31
F East/Gen	46.93	49.93	-0.05	0.00
Do Acc	46.93	49.93	-0.05	0.00
Gilt/Inc	230.9	245.7●	+0.9	2.17
Do Acc	252.2	268.3●	+0.9	2.17
Growth	308.5	322.7●	+1.8	2.83
Do Acc	503.5	535.7●	+1.9	2.83
Inc & Gth Inc	338.8	360.5●	+0.4	4.85
Do Acc	422.5	449.5●	+0.5	4.85
Master Portf	226.55	99.62	+0.04	2.73
Do Acc	226.04	99.78	+0.05	2.73
Spec Sits	67.45	71.76	+0.16	2.76
Do Acc	75.67	80.62	+0.18	2.76
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	210.87	11.21	+0.01	5.41
Do Acc	211.72	12.09	+0.01	5.41
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT 3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GJ Tel: Telephone: 071-955 5050 Dealings: 071-955 5055				
Amer Index	154.5	164.8	-1.2	2.06
Capital	489.6	522.5	+1.0	3.67
Euro Index	112.9	120.4	+0.2	1.56
Euro Growth	73.28	78.20	+0.20	1.94
Far East Gth	66.65	71.13	-0.20	1.19
Global Bond	20.38	21.68	-0.04	8.53
Gold Gen 3 S	59.95	63.99	-0.43	2.31
Hong Kong	43.43	46.34	-0.30	3.05
Income	469.2	499.4	+0.8	6.21
Intl Sp Sits	62.02	66.18	-0.48	1.29
Jap Gth	201.0	214.5	-0.4	0.00
Jap Smllr Cos	29.20	31.16	+0.06	0.00
Jap Index	61.52	65.65	-0.37	0.34
N Amer	322.9	344.6	-1.9	1.52
Sing Malay	35.22	37.58	-0.25	0.00
Tiger Index	91.32	97.46●	-0.78	1.24
UK Index	112.2	119.7	-0.1	4.02
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 12 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708				
Amer Portf	60.15	64.30	..	1.70
Euro Portf	62.63	66.88	-0.07	0.86
Jap Portf	43.66	46.74	+0.33	0.00
Pacific Portf	61.77	65.43	+0.55	3.04
Portf	61.03	65.28	+0.54	3.12
UK Inc/Gth	56.70	63.08	+0.55	5.28
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Ex Am 2	168.4	173.0	+0.2	1.04
Ex Jap 3	108.5	111.5	..	0.08
Ex Smlr Jap 4	509.8	523.8	..	0.08
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555				
Orient Op Acc	59.19	62.97	-0.12	1.35
Japanese	51.65	54.95●	-0.28	0.00
UK Balan Inc	102.6	109.1	+0.8	3.20
Do Acc	115.9	123.3	+0.8	3.20
UK Gth Accum	170.2	181.1	+1.4	1.98
UK HI Inc	121.9	129.0	+0.4	5.39
UK HI Inc Acc	130.3	138.6	+0.4	5.39
N Amer Acc	69.08	69.28	-0.46	1.04
Euro Acc	108.2	115.1●	-0.1	0.24
UK Pref/Fl Inc	55.35	58.91	+0.19	8.12
Do Acc	78.61	84.43	+0.26	8.12
Intl Sp S Acc	41.55	44.81●	-0.15	0.60
Emerald Opp	57.66	61.35	+0.42	1.31
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 41, Hastington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7261				
Endurance	148.4	157.9	..	1.66
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equitable Pelican	107.7	113.4	-0.25	4.60
High Inc	113.8	119.8	-0.07	5.91
T Of Inv Ts	112.9	118.8●	+0.17	3.12
Spec Sits	100.6	105.9c	-0.12	4.18
N Am	79.52	83.70c	-0.19	1.00
Far East	169.0	177.9	-0.19	1.35
Intl Gth	76.08	80.08	-0.30	2.08
Euro	57.10	60.11	+0.10	1.89
Smllr Cos	54.81	57.69	+0.18	4.11
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	272.1	289.5	+0.8	3.18
Do Inc	204.6	217.7	+0.6	3.18
Higher Inc Acc	478.2	508.8	+2.0	4.66
Do Inc	316.8	336.9	+1.9	4.66
Gilt/Fxd Acc	139.2	148.9●	+0.4	8.97
Do Inc	80.27	84.50●	-2.68	8.91
N America	180.8	192.2	-0.9	0.00
Far East	222.3	236.5	-2.2	0.28
Europe	203.0	216.0c	+0.7	0.08
Genl	376.0	400.0c	+0.6	3.24
Genl Acc	389.1	414.0c	+0.6	3.24
Br Excellence	56.82	60.45	+0.02	3.05
Br Flexible Inc	59.64	63.45c	+0.05	5.82
Do Acc	70.02	74.49c	+0.10	5.82
Global Ops	57.39	61.06	-0.06	0.17
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	169.0	179.6	-0.7	0.00
Cash Units	131.89	●	+0.03	11.15
European	96.9	103.7	-0.2	0.00
Gilt/Inc	130.9	140.4	+0.9	5.22

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Global Prp Inc	48.50	51.88	-0.01	2.87
Do Acc	50.10	53.59	-0.01	2.87
Smlr Cos Div	40.87	43.72	+0.22	6.40
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	36.78	39.32●	+0.00	1.70
CashTrust**	115.44	c	+0.08	10.69
Pract Inv Inc	92.28	98.96	-0.22	3.71
Do Acc	185.0	198.4	-0.46	3.71
UK Smll Cos	98.65	105.6	+0.63	3.13
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	64.09	68.55	+0.13	7.19
Preference	21.07	22.59	+0.04	12.29
High Inc	31.86	34.07●	+0.02	5.60
Income	110.3	117.9●	+0.26	3.84
Intl Fxd Int	23.47	24.74	..	7.32
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	64.05	65.79	-0.14	1.47
Euroventures	18.07	19.39	-0.05	0.57
Frontier Mkts	33.45	35.00	+0.03	0.59
Glob Inc/Gth	92.41	98.97	-0.08	3.21
UK/Intl	90.66	96.66	+2.17	3.67
Overseas Trusts				
American	93.84	99.97	-0.38	1.27
European	63.58	67.55	-0.08	1.48
Euro Sel Opp	84.89	90.23●	+0.25	1.41
Am Emerg	47.78	51.22	-0.47	0.02
Hong Kong	55.66	59.53	-0.15	2.79
Japan	164.2	168.8	-0.48	0.00
Pacific Gth	89.62	95.45	-0.08	1.66
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979 Dealing: 071-638 0526				
Intl Gth	104.5	111.7	-0.09	0.52
Amer Growth	82.69	88.43	-0.46	0.20
Euro Growth	59.76	63.86●	-0.07	0.41
Ger Horizons	42.55	45.49	+0.27	0.80
Jap Growth	64.59	69.06●	-0.05	0.00
Pacific Inc	93.66	100.1	-0.19	3.59
Pacific Strat	62.57	66.91	-0.16	0.25
UK Prog Inc	72.79	77.85	+0.29	6.35
Gt Britain	47.54	50.85	+0.73	2.19
UK Smll Co	38.04	40.69●	+0.25	3.54
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 38 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 9688				
Cash	118.3		..	10.55
Gilt/Fxd Interest	108.1	114.7●	+0.4	8.88
Gth Equity	269.0	287.3	+0.4	2.98
Guardhill	372.5	397.3●	+0.2	3.07
Inc Tst	104.8	111.9	+0.4	5.14
Intl	129.3	138.1	-0.4	0.69
Managed	489.8	522.9	+0.3	..
N Amer	194.2	207.4	-1.1	0.48
Pacific	286.6	306.3	-2.3	0.00
Prop Share	205.1	219.1	+1.4	4.80
Smllr Cos	220.1	235.1	+0.6	2.07
Euro Trust	316.0	337.8	+0.5	0.82
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 071-606 3132				
City Res	54.99		+0.01	11.13
Gilt Gth	54.62	57.04	+0.29	0.00
Gilt Inc	48.15	50.08	+0.14	9.22
Sht Dtd Gilt	91.87	93.05	+0.09	3.44
US Govt Bond	65.52	68.38	+0.02	0.00
Challenger	68.76	70.37	+0.02	0.00
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square Swanley BR8 7AG Tel: 0705 388045				
Stockmkt Fnd	54.98	58.48●	-0.16	3.15

** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 91.0 (day's range 90.9-91.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3082-3.3158	3.3120-3.3156	⅜-⅜pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Brussels	60.40-60.88	60.47-60.68	13-9pr	24-18pr
Copenhagen	11.3298-11.3619	11.3381-11.3618	1½-⅞pr	2⅞-1⅝pr
Dublin	1.0990-1.1000	1.0990-1.1000	16-10pr	27-17pr
Frankfurt	2.9398-2.9450	2.9415-2.9450	⅜-⅜pr	1-⅜pr
Lisbon	251.13-252.36	251.36-252.35	42-78ds	198-280ds
Madrid	182.67-183.47	182.77-183.39	22-32ds	78-93ds
Milan	2190.92-2197.88	2190.92-2195.80	1-2ds	5-7ds
Montreal	1.9255-1.9320	1.9283-1.9320	0.42-0.36pr	0.72-0.63pr
New York	1.6890-1.6925	1.6915-1.6925	0.78-0.75pr	2.02-2.00pr
Oslo	11.4700-11.5039	11.4802-11.5039	1-⅜pr	1⅜-⅜pr
Paris	9.9654-10.0073	9.9925-10.0069	1½-1⅜pr	3-2⅝pr
Stockholm	10.6588-10.6898	10.6666-10.6898	⅜-⅜pr	⅛pr-⅛ds
Tokyo	229.96-230.91	229.96-230.26	⅜-⅜pr	2-1⅜pr
Vienna	20.66-20.71	20.66-20.71	3⅜-2⅜pr	7⅛-4⅜pr
Zurich	2.5781-2.5844	2.5812-2.5844	⅜-⅜pr	1⅜-1⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16746.4-16773.2
Australia dollar	2.1734-2.1766
Bahrain dinar	0.6340-0.6470
Brazil cruzeiro *	671.17-672.09
Cyprus pound	*0.80-0.81*
Finland marka	7.1250-7.1850
Greece drachma	323.40-326.60
Hong Kong dollar	*13.1109-13.1204*
India rupee	43.48-43.88
Kuwait dinar KD	0.491-0.497
Malaysia ringgit	4.7008-4.7053
Mexico peso	5100-5200
New Zealand dollar	2.9476-2.9546
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.305-6.385
Singapore dollar	2.9017-2.9052
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4111-5.5028
S Africa rand (com)	4.8589-4.8667
U A E dirham	6.1725-6.2525

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2868-1.2879
Austria	12.22-12.24
Belgium (Com)	35.75-35.80
Canada	1.1400-1.1405
Denmark	6.7150-6.7200
France	5.9100-5.9150
Germany	1.7410-1.7420
Hong Kong	*7.7625-7.7635*
Ireland	1.5360-1.5375
Italy	1298.5-1299.5
Japan	136.40-136.50
Malaysia	2.7832-2.7842
Netherlands	1.9610-1.9620
Norway	6.7980-6.8030
Portugal	148.60-148.90
Singapore	1.7180-1.7190
Spain	108.10-108.20
Sweden	6.3175-6.3225
Switzerland	1.5290-1.5297

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1991 Agreed rates Aug 28, 1991 to Sept 24, 1991 Scheme I: 12.31%. Schemes II & III: 12.38%. Reference rate June 29, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.138%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 11

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11½ Low 10 Week fixed: 10⅜

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 10$^{5}/_{16}$; 3 mth 10 . Sell: 2 mth 10$^{5}/_{16}$; 3 mth: 9$^{15}/_{16}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10$^{9}/_{16}$-10$^{17}/_{32}$	10⅜-10$^{11}/_{32}$	10⅜-10$^{9}/_{32}$	9$^{15}/_{16}$-9⅞	
Sterling Money Rates:	10⅜-10⅜	10$^{13}/_{16}$-$^{11}/_{16}$	10$^{11}/_{16}$-$^{9}/_{16}$	10$^{9}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$	10$^{9}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$
Interbank:	10⅜-10$^{13}/_{16}$	10⅜-10$^{11}/_{16}$	10⅜-10$^{9}/_{16}$	10⅜-10$^{7}/_{16}$	10⅜-10⅜
(Overnight: open 10 , close 11⅛.					
Local Authority Deps:	10⅜	n/a	10⅜	10⅜	10$^{7}/_{16}$
Sterling CDs:	10⅜-10$^{13}/_{16}$	10$^{11}/_{16}$-10⅜	10⅜-10$^{9}/_{16}$	10$^{15}/_{32}$-10⅜	10$^{13}/_{32}$-10⅜
Dollar CDs:	5.67-5.62	5.67-5.62	5.67-5.62	5.80-5.75	6.00-5.95
Building Society CDs:	10$^{29}/_{32}$-$^{27}/_{32}$	10$^{23}/_{32}$-$^{21}/_{32}$	10$^{21}/_{32}$-10⅜	10$^{17}/_{32}$-10⅜	10$^{15}/_{32}$-$^{7}/_{16}$

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅜-5⅜	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅜	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅜	5⅞-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5⅜-4⅞
Deutschemark:	9⅛-9	9⅛-9	9⅜-9⅜	9⅜-9⅜	8⅜-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅛-9	9$^{5}/_{16}$-9$^{3}/_{16}$	9$^{7}/_{16}$-9$^{5}/_{16}$	9⅜-9⅜	9⅜-8⅜
Swiss Franc:	8⅛-8	8⅛-8	8-7⅜	8-7⅜	8-7
Yen:	7⅜-7⅜	7$^{9}/_{16}$-7$^{7}/_{16}$	7⅜-7⅜	6$^{15}/_{16}$-$^{13}/_{16}$	7⅛-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

(Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $348.80-349.20 Close: $348.70-349.20 High: $349.40-349.90 Low: $346.75-347.25 Krugerrand: $348.50-349.50 (£205.75-206.75)

Sovereigns: Old $81.75-82.75 (£48.25-49.25) New $81.50-82.50 (£48.00-49.00)

Platinum: $341.00 (£201.70) **Silver:** $3.92 (£2.305) **Palladium:** $80.60 (£47.70)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 *Previous open interest: 38602*	Sep 91	2702.0	2708.0	2684.0	2689.0	5415
	Dec 91	*2744.0*	*2751.5*	2723.0	2735.0	711
	Mar 92				2769.0	0
Three Month Sterling *Previous open interest: 137901*	Sep 91	89.39	89.41	89.38	89.40	10391
	Dec 91	89.94	89.97	89.93	89.94	15779
	Mar 92	90.12	90.15	90.10	90.14	3490
Three Month Eurodollar *Previous open interest: 38533*	Sep 91	94.30	94.32	94.27	94.27	1054
	Dec 91	94.01	94.01	93.96	93.97	1216
Three Month Euro DM *Previous open interest: 130961*	Sep 91	90.74	90.76	90.74	90.74	2023
	Dec 91	90.73	90.75	90.71	90.72	6695
US Treasury Bond *Previous open interest: 3376*	Sep 91	98-08	98-10	98-01	97-31	788
	Dec 91	97-12	97-15	97-04	97-04	1606
Long Gilt *Previous open interest: 54773*	Sep 91	94-22	94-24	94-17	94-18	2320
	Dec 91	94-27	94-31	94-22	94-25	17204
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91				97.85	0
	Dec 91	98.23	98.30	98.23	98.28	427
German Govt Bond *Previous open interest: 87289*	Sep 91	85.25	85.35	85.07	85.15	29411
	Dec 91	85.44	85.55	85.30	85.36	22081
Three month ECU *Previous open interest: 5583*	Sep 91	90.21	90.21	90.18	90.20	90
	Dec 91	90.30	90.31	90.28	90.30	121

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Sep	683-680	Sep	523-521	Oct	198.2-98.0
Dec	719-718	Nov	549-548	Dec	189.6-81.6
Mar	756-755	Jan	570-569	Mar	194.8-84.4
May	775-774	Mar	590-589	May	194.6-83.6
Jul	795-794	May	unq	Aug	200.0-80.0
Sep	816-814	Jul	unq	Oct	200.0-76.0
Dec	838-836	Sep	unq		
Vol: 4493		Vol: 3073		Vol: 167	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	113.10	Sep	110.30	Oct	134.50
Nov	116.30	Nov	113.40	Dec	139.00
Jan	119.80	Jan	117.05	Feb	143.80
Mar	123.30	Mar	119.50	Apr	145.00
May	126.15	May	121.15	Jun	139.00
Vol:	396	Vol:	65	Vol:	10

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 196

	Open	Close
Feb (£/tonne)	unq	105.0
Mar	unq	123.0
Apr	121.5	118.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	84.47	118.84	105.11
(+/−)	−1.76	*−1.72	−0.11
Eng/Wales:	83.60	119.34	103.92
(+/−)	−1.94	−2.80	+0.24
(%)	−22.9	−18.4	−0.3
Scotland:	72.14	116.78	107.85
(+/−)	+3.89	+0.75	−1.04
(%)	−74.6	−42.0	+4.6

** Estimated dead carcase weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

Sep	Open:	unq
	Close:	*88.5*
Oct	Open:	unq
	Close:	*96.0*
Nov	Open:	103.6
	Close:	103.3

Volume: 15

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Crude levels were marginally lower in very quiet trade.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.50	−0.15
Brent 15 day (Sep)	*20.50*	−0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	20.50	−0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	22.15	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	22.05	+0.05

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	Bid: 243 (+1)	Offer: 245 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	193 (−3)	194 (−3)
Non EEC 1H Sep	194 (−3)	*195 (−3)*
Non EEC 1H Oct	201 (−1)	202 (−1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	72 (n/c)	73 (n/c)
Naphtha	208 (−2)	*210 (−3)*

IPE FUTURES.
GAS OIL

Sep	195.75-96.50	Jan	199.50 BID
Oct	199.75-99.50	Feb	193.50 BID
Nov	201.50-01.25	Mar	187.00 BID
Dec	202.00-01.50		

Vol: 9996

BRENT

Sep	20.50-20.55	Nov	20.35-20.45
Oct	20.45-20.50		

Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 91	*1635*	1615	1615
Oct 91	1705	1695	1695
Jan 92	1709	1705	1705
Apr 92	1705	1705	1705

Vol: 126 lots Open interest: 2700
Dry cargo index 1546 −2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1357.0-1357.5	1363.0-1363.5	Vol: 663800
Lead (£/tonne)	*313.75-314.25*	*326.00-326.50*	23000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1024.5-1025.0	1039.0-1040.0	111125
Tin ($/tonne)	5575.0-5576.0	5650.0-5660.0	7520
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1282.0-1283.0	*1293.0-1294.0*	332425
Nickel ($/tonne)	7810.0-7811.0	7830.0-7840.0	10272

FOX MGMI INDEX
(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Sep	137.90	138.60
Dec	138.90	139.50
Mar	139.50	140.30

Vol: 319

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Advertisers score at the box office

On-screen commercials are cashing in on the movie boom — although some audiences are being denied the extra entertainment. Andrew Lycett reports

Among the *films showing* on the 13 screens at the three-year-old Showcase cinema in Nottingham are the box-office blockbusters *Terminator 2*, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* and *The Silence of the Lambs*. But unlike other cinema exhibitors in Britain, National Amusements, Showcase's American parent, refuses to take on-screen advertising.

"When we go to the cinema, we want to be entertained," says *Ira A. Korff, the* company's chief executive, who is based in Boston, Massachusetts. Cinema commercials may be the only growth area in the depressed British advertising market — up 11 *per cent* last year to £39 million — but Mr Korff is not impressed. "Our experience of advertising in the United States is that it is the same sort of drivel you find everywhere else in society. What we provide in our cinemas is an entertaining escape from the world."

Showcase has seven multiplexes — multiple screen cinemas — in Britain, with an eighth opening in *Coventry in December*, making it the fourth largest cinema circuit in Britain after Cannon (now part of MGM), Odeon (the Rank Organisation) and United Cinemas International (jointly owned by Paramount and Music Corporation of America). Mr Korff says the absence of advertising costs his British subsidiary "*millions of pounds in* income", but insists that this is what his audiences appreciate.

Peter Howard-Williams, the managing director of Rank Screen Advertising, disagrees. "British creative advertising is *the best in the world, and our audiences* respond to this. A good ad in a darkened cinema becomes a pleasurable experience; they clap and cheer."

The success of films such as *Terminator 2*, which grossed £2.6 million — a new UK box-office record — in its first three days on release, reflects a boom in cinema audiences, and *Mr Howard-Williams* says as a result cinema advertising has held up remarkably well this year. Although *overall revenue is less than 1 per cent of* the national display advertising spend — behind press, television, posters and radio — he argues that "we provide a beacon of light in the whole media market".

Rank Screen Advertising is the giant of the trade. Acting as the intermediary between advertising agencies and the *Cannon, Odeon and UCI circuits*, as well as several independents, it claims to account for 85 per cent of total revenue. *Its main rival is Pearl & Dean, part of* the MAI group, whose main account is Warners.

Cinema advertising's main claim is that it reaches specific categories of the population cost *effectively. Rank provides* cinemas with six to 12-minute packages. It costs advertisers £70-80 for a week-long, 30-second spot in one high street *cinema*, £6,000 to saturate a television region such as Granada.

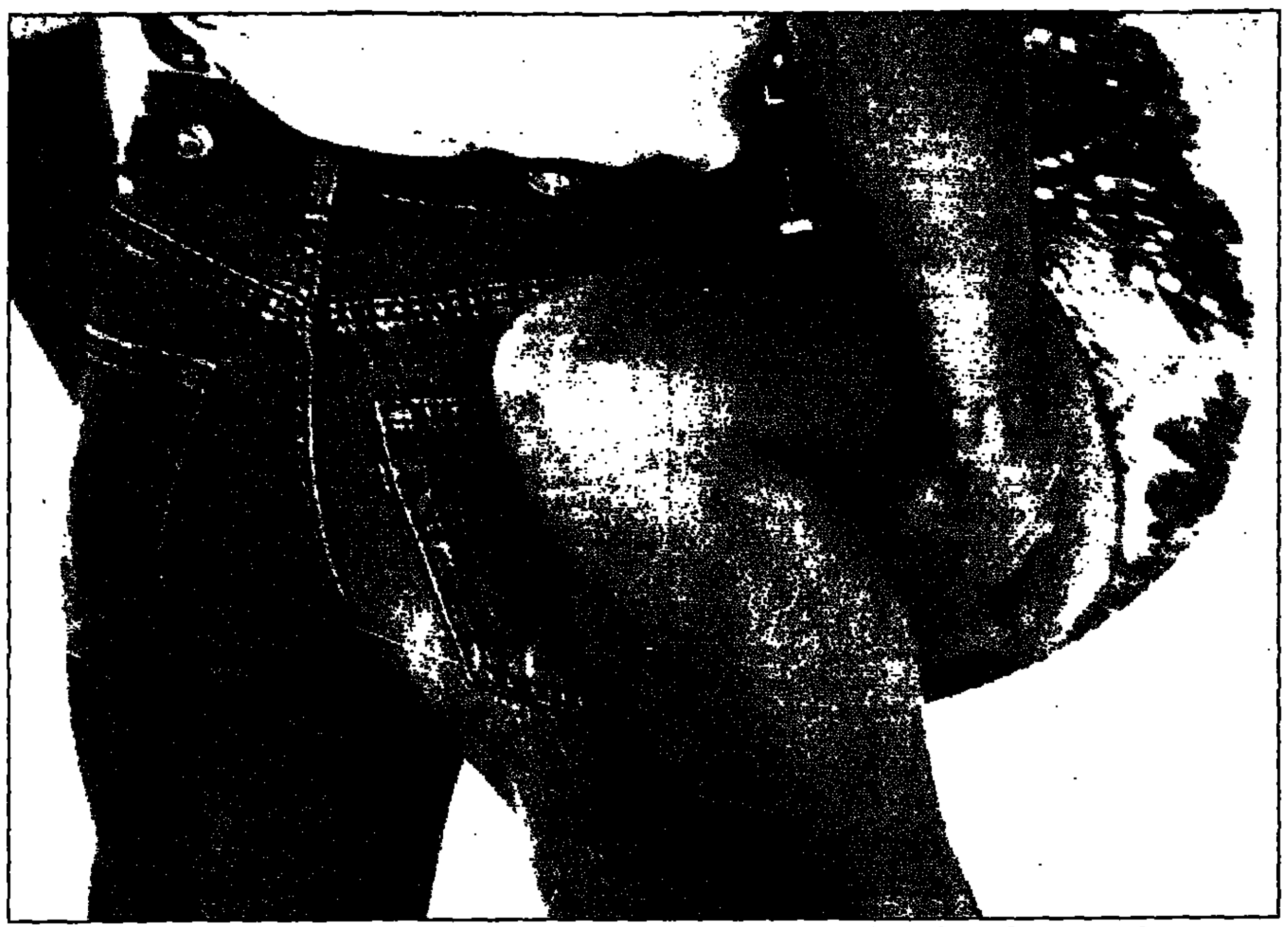
The main target audience is 15 to 24-year-olds — light television viewers but regular cinema-goers. The advertising agency *Bartle Bogle Hegarty* uses cinema extensively to reach this sector on behalf of three top clients — Levi jeans, NatWest *Bank* and Whitbread beer. For many years Levi Strauss, whose new advertisement hit the screens last month, used only *cinema, and still spends £1 million a year* on the big screen, about a third of its television budget.

Another advertising agency, CIA Billett, recently tested cinema's effectiveness by restricting its promotion of Fahrenheit, an *aftershave, to cinemas in one region* (Granada). After six weeks, sales there had increased by double the national average. Government departments have acknowledged this effectiveness by using cinema for Aids awareness campaigns, and this *autumn an education department* advertisement will be shown in university towns.

With its certification system, cinema can show commercials not allowed on television. Although cost deters most companies from shooting advertisements specially for cinema, they often put out longer, "raunchier" versions of commercials for the big screen, says Patrick Hayes, the head of a leading producer, HIM. This week advertising agency Howell Henry Chaldecott Lury *releases a 50-second* cinema version of what was originally conceived as a 20-second television *commercial* for New England ice-cream. It shows a woman making sexy noises as she eats ice-cream to the monotonous sound of the football results. The TV original was banned by the ITV Association, but the longer cinema version will be shown in the London area with a 15 certificate.

Advertisements for strong alcohol, banned on television, are also a cinema *staple. Gordon's gin*, Southern Comfort and Pernod have been consistent users of the big screen, and drink now provides 35 per cent of screen advertisers' revenue.

Ian Riches, the managing director of UCI, says cinema advertisements are a "way of life" in Britain. When his American-owned company pioneered multiplex screens here in *1985*, it spurned commercials. Now, following a change of ownership, it has decided to take them.


Sexy appeal: Levi uses raunchy cinema ads to reach 15 to 24-year-olds, light television viewers but regular cinema-goers

A look at history in the making

A relaunched magazine intends to take a non-political view of contemporary politics

OBJECTIVE examinations of *contemporary politics and social* issues, free from party allegiance, have always been rare in the British *press. According to its* former editor, Paul Barker, *New Society*, before its 1988 merger with *New Statesman*, was the only journal or magazine in the post-war period to follow an "ideas not ideology" line on social change.

Contemporary Record, the Institute of Contemporary British History's journal, *is seeking to fill* the vacuum with a relaunch next Monday as a 200-page quarterly, *about the size of a Picador paperback*, for policy-makers, journalists, Members of Parliament, civil servants, academics and others interested in British post-war history and the shaping of social attitudes.

"The new design brings us into line with conventional academic journals, but we will not become just another donnish tome written by and for an academic élite," promises Peter Catterall, the co-editor, in the preface to the new *Contemporary Record*.

"No orthodoxy will be peddled," he says: the journal will try to present the full range of opinion on current controversies and debates, analysing "as yet uncharted areas" and using the perspectives of younger scholars.

Launched by the *Institute* in 1987 as an A4-sized magazine, *Contemporary Record* was soon forced by Philip Allan, the specialist schools publisher, to become more commercial by focusing only on British *politics and gearing* itself towards A-level history students, who represent most of its *4,500 readership*.

Contemporary Record is now free from such constraints, after acquiring a new academic publisher, Frank Cass. The contents *have been expanded, and the new* issue includes articles on attitudes to holiday-making in Britain since 1945 *and an examination* of the role played by the media in Margaret Thatcher's downfall. *Transcripts of* "*witness seminars*" (collective oral histories based on debate and discussion) have been introduced. The first concentrates on Harold Wilson's Ministry of Technology from 1964 to 1967. *Contemporary Record*'s brief has also been expanded *to include* book reviews.

Mr Barker, who has written for the *new issue*, says that *Contemporary Record* does not occupy the same territory as *New Statesman & Society* or other political-cum-literary periodicals, such as *The Spectator*. "The weekly concept has run into great difficulty. The future lies with a return to the great 19th century tradition of the thoughtful quarterly," Mr Barker says, adding that the success of quarterlies such as *Modern Painter* suggests the intelligentsia wants "a more considered view".

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In a spin

INDEPENDENT radio should pay higher royalties to the *recording* industry to reflect a near doubling of airtime devoted to records, *according to* Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL). The company, which licences commercial stations to broadcast records, suggests a scale of fees of up to 20 per cent of a company's advertising revenue. Commercial stations now pay between 4 and 7 per cent of their advertisement revenue and *want to reduce this to just* 3.5 per cent. Jimmy Gordon, of Scotland's Radio Clyde, who represents the industry in negotiations with the PPL, says: "A rate of 3.5 per cent would still be the highest in the European Community."

Blind spots

PUBLIC relations executives *in British companies* have a startling "depth of ignorance and complacency" about the *business media in continental* Europe. A survey by Grice Wheeler Business Communications, which publishes *Guide to European Business Media*, discovered that only 12 per cent of respondents were able to name a German equivalent of the *Financial Times*. Just 6 per cent could name a French business title.

Cable news

MORE than a million British *homes are now* passed by broadband cable, with almost 20 per cent of those subscribing to the multi-channel television system, the Independent Television Commission (ITC) revealed yesterday. Cable is most popular in Northampton, where 69.1 per cent of homes passed by cable are now connected, compared with 18.7 per cent *in* Kensington and Chelsea. Meanwhile, the weekly share of audience viewing of cable and satellite channels in cabled homes has grown from 44.9 per cent last *October to 51.2 per cent now*. The commission also found that Sky One and Sky Movies both have a higher weekly audience reach (54.6 per cent and 53.1 per cent) than BBC2 at 41.2 per cent.

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Hidden vacancies at the agencies

Consultants are working for job hunters as well as employers.

Beryl Dixon discovers why the personal touch is important

When vacancies are scarce, employment agencies suffer as much as job hunters, but there are still good reasons to see a recruitment consultant.

Employers look closely at the fees charged by agencies and often decide to economise by placing their own advertisements. In good times or bad therefore, you do not have to use the services of an agency when changing jobs. You may do just as well by sifting through advertisements in newspapers and arranging your own applications.

Even in recession, however, some employers always use consultancies. They like to retain someone else to make a shortlist of applicants. This is true of small companies or partnerships, particularly in the media and fashion industries, which often do not have in-house personnel officers trained in recruitment interviewing. A large proportion of jobs in these industries are never advertised.

Consultants know the market and the requirements of employers. An efficient agency will send no more than three screened and pre-selected candidates for interview.

If you have been in one job for some time, or are returning to the workforce you may not be able to assess accurately whether your skills fit the job description, or if you are sufficiently adept in reading between the lines of the advertisement. For example, just what does "flexible" mean? Ready to work until midnight every day?

> *You should get a thorough briefing on the company, the job and the boss before you have an interview*

If you decide to register with an agency, remember that although it is being paid by the client – usually a percentage of your salary – you are a "customer" too. You are entitled to expect good service, which is in everybody's interest. A consultant who sends unsuitable applicants does not get many repeat contracts.

If you have never approached an agency, how do you choose from the dozens available? Much depends on the relationship you are able to build up with individual consultants rather than the size of the organisation. Personal recommendation from friends is always one good pointer but, failing that, the answer is to register with more than one. You can tell a lot from the moment you walk through the door. Is the receptionist helpful? Does the place seem well organised, efficient and friendly?

You should have in-depth interview with a consultant lasting at least 30 minutes. An agency cannot send you for suitable interviews without knowing all about you, your past employment record, personal preferences, strengths and weaknesses.

Agencies also need to know exactly what you can do and should suggest whether your skills need updating. For example, they may say your shorthand or French could be improved, or that you should train on a different word processing system or learn desktop publishing. Listen to what they say because you can be expected to be tested.

You should make sure that the consultant makes a correct note of your skills. If you say "no shorthand" you do not want a telephone call two days later describing a wonderful job that requires 140 words per minute. On the other hand, it is part of a consultant's job to persuade you to be flexible, within certain limits. They are accustomed to hearing people say: "I do not want to work in a company like that", or "I will not consider a small firm", when they believe a certain vacancy might be suitable for you, or know that the openings are not there unless you reconsider. But you should not be pushed into anything against your will.

You should get a thorough briefing on the company, the job and the boss before you go for any interview. Someone, even if not the consultant you are speaking to, should have visited the client's premises, met the executive in question, and asked pertinent questions to discover exactly what "not much typing" means.

And finally, you want moral support and guidance, such as help in choosing between different job offers, or encouragement to try again after an unsuccessful interview.

ALAN WELLER

Back in business: Anita Nott-Bower found a consultant who encouraged her to persevere

'Hopeless case' gets a job

ANITA Nott-Bower, who was made redundant in January, has a new job with Naess Europe, a London shipbroker, but before finding it, had experience of several agencies.

"I know it was a difficult time," she says, "and to be honest I was not easy to help. I was feeling very sorry for myself; my confidence was shaken and I was sticking out for what I wanted. But several agencies made me feel like a hopeless case. They said my typing speed was not brilliant and frankly made me feel I was lucky even to be considered by them. Talk about condescending.

"Then I tried one a friend recommended. The first impression was brilliant. I was given coffee, and chatted to a consultant. She really listened. She couldn't place me at once either, but she didn't make me feel like giving up.

"I am not an A1 typist but I felt I had other things to offer. I use my initiative, I had worked for a chairman, and I don't mind staying late. She was prepared to suggest me for jobs that specified faster typing than I can do and point out my other strengths. I must have driven her crazy because I did turn down some interviews – quite bluntly, too. But eventually the Gordon Yates Group found me this job. It's super."

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Promise in the provinces

Rodney Hobson looks at three newly built shopping developments with large catchment areas away from the big cities

Developers are claiming success with retail projects in town centres that are outside the big cities but have solid catchment areas. Among the latest to set opening dates are Waterside in Lincoln, The Glades at Bromley, south London, and The Galleria in Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

At Waterside, which opens on October 5, more than half the 125,000 sq ft in 40 units is pre-let. Enough scaffolding had been removed last month to allow one store, Body Shop, to start trading.

Another 13 retailers have signed up. The most recent, All Sports, joins household names such as Benetton, Dashand Woolworth, which was already on the site before redevelopment.

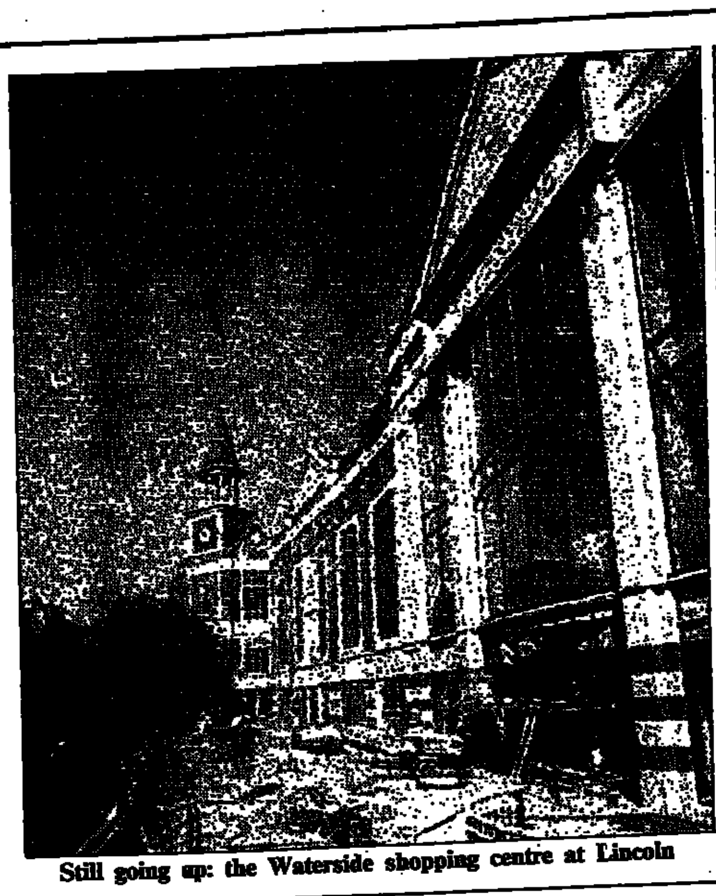
Waterside is on the north bank of the River Witham opposite a development that includes C&A, Boots, Burton and Dixons, and is the biggest project to date by Chartwell Land, the joint developer with Pembroke. Chartwell says it was attracted to Lincoln because of its "lack of quality retail space". Lincoln is a regional tourist centre with 267,000 people within 30 minutes' driving time. The city's population is expected to increase by 15.1 per cent by 2001 compared with an average 4.5 per cent growth for Britain. The joint letting agents are Hillier Parker, Clive Lewis and Partners and Leslie Furness.

The Glades opens on October 22, with 82 of the 135 shops let or in solicitors' hands. Capital & Counties, the joint developer with General Accident Life Assurance and the London borough of Bromley, says that more shops are under negotiation. The anchor stores in the 421,000 sq ft of space are Debenhams, Boots, Littlewoods and one of the biggest Marks & Spencer stores in Britain. The Glades is divided into two levels, both with direct access to the High Street. About 1.2 million households are within half an hour's drive. Neil Mitchenall, of the letting agent, Lunson Mitchenall, claims: "Bromley is regarded by retailers as one of the top three most popular shopping towns in the UK."

The Galleria opens on Thursday next week but is already a landmark, astride the northbound entrance to the Hatfield tunnel, which takes 40 million vehicles a year on the A1(M) under the town. The Galleria has been developed at a cost of £200 million by the Carroll Group, which will also manage it. Carroll says The Galleria, measuring 600ft long and 60ft wide, is Europe's largest single shopping mall.

Leases have been exchanged for more than 100 units comprising 85 per cent of the lettable space of 380,00 sq ft. The two-level development contains 135 shops, eight themed restaurants, a health and beauty club, a crèche and a nine-screen cinema. A 10,000 sq ft centre court provides a venue for live entertainment, fashion shows and exhibitions.

The A1(M) puts Hatfield within reach of the 300,000 people in the London borough of Barnet. To the northwest are Luton and Harpenden with nearly 200,000 people, and a similar number of potential customers live to the north in Stevenage, Welwyn, Hitchin and Letchworth. Hemel Hempstead with 80,000 residents and St Albans with 51,000 are to the west.



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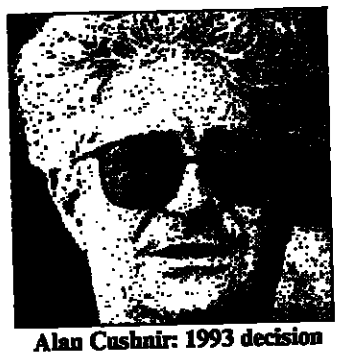

Alan Cushnir: 1993 decision

A FIRM of chartered accountants and customs and excise are preparing a joint approach to the European Community over an anomaly in the VAT regulations. A substantial sum of money and the way that European directives are drawn up are at issue *(Rodney Hobson writes).*

Lubbock Fine surrendered its lease on offices in Bedford Row, central London, in early 1990, seven years before the lease was to expire. The recession was not then biting hard and the freeholder paid Lubbock to quit, knowing the property could be relet at a higher rent. If Lubbock had sold the lease to another tenant, no VAT would have been payable. Customs and excise claims, however, that because the lease was surrendered, VAT is payable on what the freeholder paid. Lubbock says the VAT is "worth fighting over". The case is covered by the EC's sixth VAT directive, which has a clause empowering member states to exempt certain transactions, such as property letting and leasing, at their discretion.

Alan Cushnir, Lubbock's partner dealing with VAT matters, says: "We say the surrender of a lease is not included in this clause. Therefore, it is included in the clause on the supply of buildings and land, which are specifically exempt from VAT. Surrendering a lease has the same commercial effect as assigning it. Why should there be a different VAT effect?"

Lubbock won a ruling at a tribunal that the case should go direct to the European Court of Justice, on the grounds that EC law is involved. Lubbock and customs and excise will settle the wording of the application between them, subject to the VAT tribunal's approval.

Mr Cushnir says: "Counsel estimates that it will cost £15,000 to £20,000, depending on whether the costs will be shared. We cannot see that we will get a decision before the beginning of 1993."

He hopes other businesses in a similar position will join forces and share the cost.

IN THE MARKET

☐ Activity in the London commercial property market is stabilising, Richard Ellis, the property consultant, says in its quarterly report. A total of 1.36 million sq ft of office space was let or sold for occupation during the second quarter, compared with 1.5 million sq ft in the first quarter. Most deals were for smaller units. Asking rents were lower in all areas except Mayfair and St James's, where top values were unchanged.

☐ General Accident has sold the head lease on International House in the City of London to Nu-Swift for £22 million. The lease has 83 years to run and the 70,000 sq ft property is occupied by an insurance company paying £32 a sq ft. The yield is 10.25 per cent.

☐ L&M Assets, a joint company formed by London & Metropolitan Scotland and British Linen Assets, has sold a refurbished office building in Melville Street, Edinburgh. Gunnar Zetterberg, a Swedish property company, paid £1.35 million. The 4,250 sq ft property is let to the Italian consulate.

☐ The Pensions Trust has bought the freehold of 12-13 Dudley Street, Wolverhampton, for £1.8 million. The premises, with 5,700 sq ft on two floors, are let to Burton.

☐ Scottish Amicable Investment Managers has made its third disposal in 10 months on the Brooklands Industrial Estate, Weybridge, taking the total raised to £13 million. Through Jones Lang Wootton it has sold a 23,500 sq ft unit on a site area of 2.15 acres to Britannic Assurance for £3.4 million, giving a yield of 9 per cent.

☐ Boots Properties has bought the freehold of two shops in Lymington High Street for £650,000. One is let to Boots Opticians, the other to Oddbins, the wine retailers, for a total rent of £42,000.

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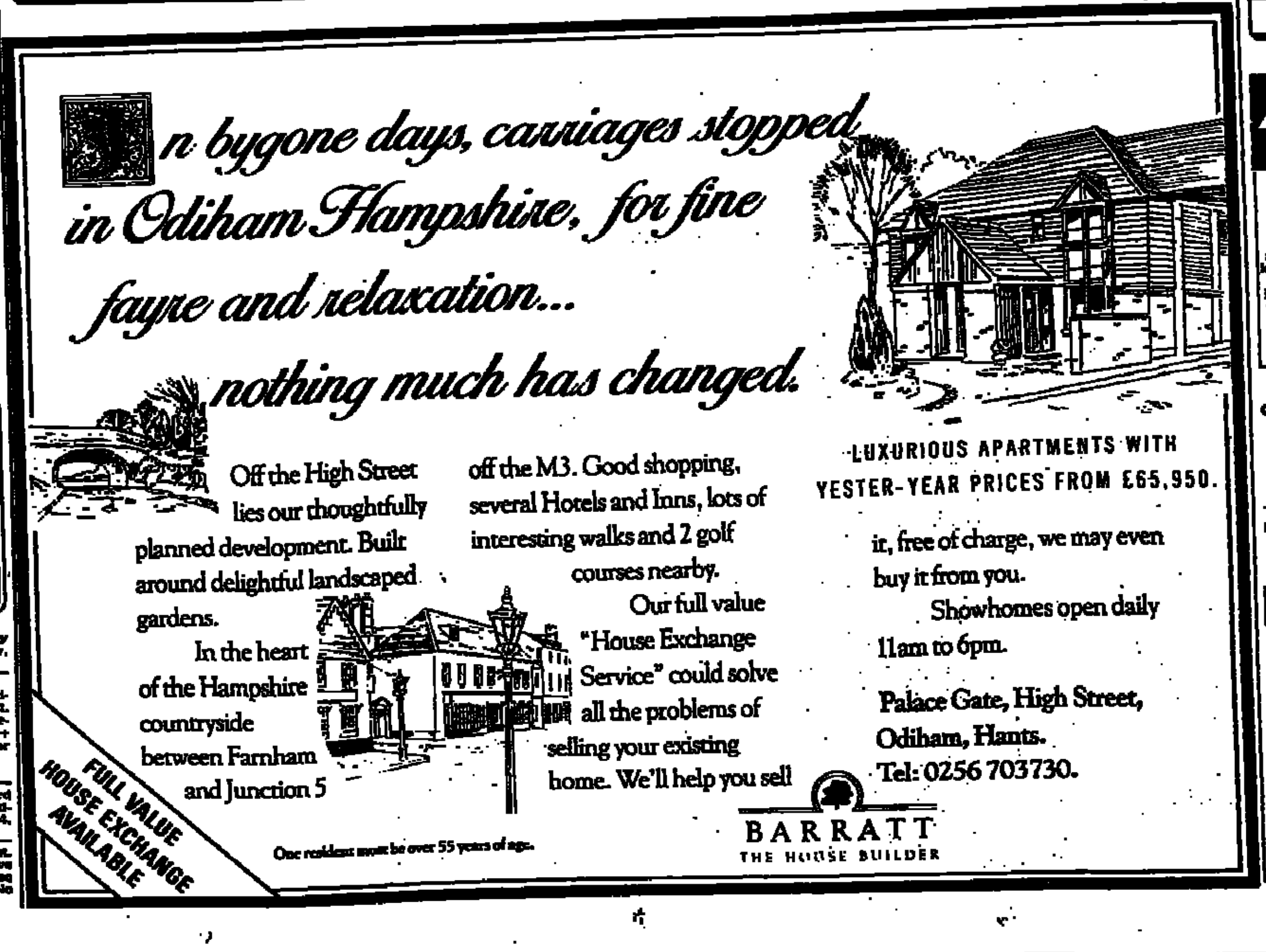

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When the old ways are the best

John Shaw meets an architect who insists on using only original materials for restorations, even if it is goat's hair

Diane Haigh is a woman with a good word for builders. Under her direction they have applied beeswax polish to period joinery, used goat's hair plaster and old-fashioned distemper, and she hasn't heard one whinge about the virtues of non-drip Dulux.

"When they understood what we were trying to do they did an absolutely wonderful job," says Miss Haigh, an architect who directed a six-month restoration scheme on a house designed by H M Baillie-Scott, the influential arts and crafts architect, in Cambridge.

Baillie-Scott (1865-1945) designed several houses in the city at the turn of the century. Set in half an acre of landscaped garden, it was built for H A Roberts, a don, in Storey's Way, a secluded and leafy road which adjoins the property of its new owner, Churchill College.

It has had several owners. "The last people had lived there for many years and the house had reached the stage where it needed radical repairs," Miss Haigh says of the house and garden, which are *Grade II listed.*

The property needed reroofing, rewiring and a new heating system. But the work had to be done carefully to preserve the original, beautifully crafted internal features.

"There was no wallpaper. The appeal was in the textures of various materials; the joinery, the hand-worked oak and the plaster were in the tradition of the arts and crafts style," she says. "The plaster was not silky smooth but textured and rough. We had to be able to duplicate that precisely. We didn't want to try and fake it, so we returned to the original mix of lime, sharp sand and goat's hair."

Architect Diane Haigh and builder Tony Coombes outside the Baillie-Scott house in Cambridge

A piece of original plaster was put under a microscope and analysed to achieve the right consistency. The same was done with the paint. Successive layers were scraped away until the correct shade of creamy distemper was found. The outside walls were rough-rendered and covered with lime wash. Architectural detective work revealed a patch of the initial colour under the eaves; it was duplicated and reapplied.

Rose of Jericho, the paint specialists of Deene, Northants, duplicated the colours and made an important contribution in restoring the house to its original state.

Baillie-Scott preferred the colour and feel of secondhand roof tiles for his houses. The Brignell Group, the builders who worked on the project, found they could re-use 70 per cent of the original tiles. The rest were brought from Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

Miss Haigh says: "The workmen had to be sympathetic to what we were trying to do. When we did the plastering we worked with wooden floats to give it the correct rough finish, so traditional techniques had to be remastered quickly. They were really very flexible. They took a pride in it and did it really well. I think they actually enjoyed themselves. William Morris wanted men to enjoy their work and I think this came through here."

After the project was finished at a cost of £124,000, Michael Allen, the college bursar, moved in. "It is absolutely wonderful here," he says. "I have two small daughters and it is full of nooks and crannies they love to explore."

Mike Botazzi, the manager of the contract side of Brignells, says the work required dealing with materials in common use 80 years ago. "A lot of time had to be put into it before we even started work, but it has all been worthwhile," he says.

The company's craftsmen do much work on college buildings in the city, and the architect-builder team plans to start work shortly on another Baillie-Scott house in Cambridge.

Buying back some London history

A REPORT on hundreds of decaying buildings in London has sold more than 600 copies since publication in mid-July, surprising its compilers, Save Britain's Heritage. The survey's list of 125 properties includes Georgian and Victorian houses as well as unique structures such as Robert Stephenson's 1846 Roundhouse locomotive shed. It has attracted many would-be buyers interested in restoring once-splendid historic buildings as homes or unusual business premises.

Marianne Watson-Smyth, the group's secretary, says: "The interest has surprised and delighted us. 'Capital Opportunities' is the first report we have done on London and we did not know quite what to expect. The response shows the huge amount of interest in unusual properties, even in a depressed market."

Almost 60 per cent of the properties are owned by public organisations, such as local authorities, and are not for sale. The report, however, accuses councils of letting the buildings "rot for years on end. If only they had been put on the market at a sensible price they would have been snapped up and restored a long time ago."

Miss Watson-Smyth says the intention of the report is to highlight the "scandal" and to attract potential buyers who might shame public bodies into selling the properties. "The longer the present owners delay selling," says Miss Watson-Smyth, "the more expensive it becomes to restore the buildings."

Already, the tactic is having results: Hackney council, which owns some particularly handsome Georgian houses in Clapton Square, has written to the heritage group saying it is "reviewing" its listed building stock.

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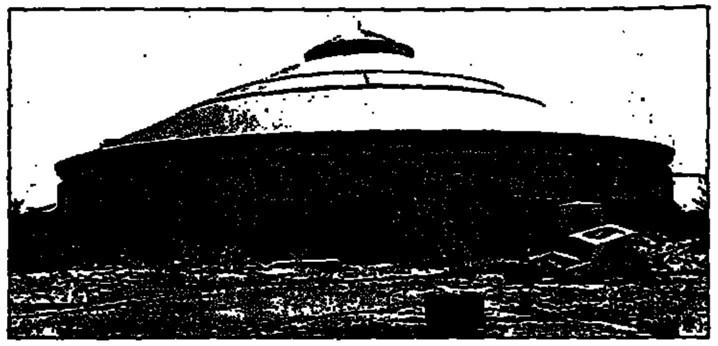

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Fleming to take charge when England meet New Zealand at Twickenham next month to kick off the World Cup

England are suited by selection of referees

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

JIM Fleming, the experienced Scottish referee and recent co-author, with Brian Anderson, of a book explaining rugby union's sometimes complex laws, will handle the opening game of the 1991 World Cup, between England and New Zealand, at Twickenham on October 3.

His name heads the list of 17 officials whose appointments to the pool matches were announced yesterday. I understand six officials will be used in the knockout stages, based partly on form shown during the pool matches, though it may be significant that such experienced referees as Fleming, Fred Howard, of England, and Derek Bevan, of Wales, have only one pool match each. It is inconceivable that they will not be required for further duties.

Having named a panel of 24, two from each of the seven senior rugby-playing countries and one from ten "emerging" countries, the World Cup organisers have invited the less experienced to act as touch judges. Only three "emerging" referees have been given games: Ephraim Sklar, who impressed when England toured Argentina last year, Laikini Colati, who was in charge when England went down to Fiji B in Nadi in July, and Don Reordan, of the United States.

England have avoided the southern-hemisphere referees who have become their *bêtes noires*. They could hardly hope to improve on Fleming, although Alex Wyllie, the New Zealand coach, said: "The important thing is that we don't have the inconsistencies we have had. Referees are important, but we hope they don't play too much of a role."

Fleming's colleague, Anderson, handles England's game with Italy, and Les Peard, of Wales, takes the game against the United States.

There has been criticism of the organisers for failing to draw up a rankings list, composed of the perceived best officials. Wyllie referred to Clive Norling, of Wales, as having "the respect of players, and vice versa. Referees of his ability allow the game to take its own course".

However, Marcel Martin, the World Cup director, who has responsibility for the appointments, said: "In the five nations' championship, do the best players have the best referees? No, because there is a rota which is decided several years in advance. The RWC has another objective. On the playing side, it gives nations a chance to prove they are on a par with the big boys. What you permit to the teams, why not permit to the referees?"

APPOINTMENTS: Oct 3: England v New Zealand: Referee, J Fleming (Scot); touch judges, B Anderson (Scot), R Hourquet (Fr). 4: Australia v Argentina: D Bishop (NZ); K Lawrence (NZ), P Robin (Fr). France v Romania: L Peard (Wales); D Bevan (Wales), H Yagi (Japan). 5: Italy v United States: O Doyle (Ire); S Hilditch (Ire), D Roelands (Bel). Scotland v Japan: E Morrison (Eng); F Howard (Eng), D Reordan (US). Fiji v Canada: K Fitzgerald (Aus); S MacNeill (Aus), K Went (Zim). Oct 6: Wales v Western Samoa: Robin, Hourquet, K Morrison (Can) Ireland v Zimbabwe: Lawrence; Bishop, L Colati (Fiji). 8: New Zealand v United States: E Sklar (Arg): Doyle, Hilditch. England v Italy: Anderson; Fleming, Yagi. France v Fiji: Bevan; Peard, Fitzgerald. 9: Australia v Western Samoa: E Morrison, Howard, Went. Ireland v Japan: Colati; Bishop, K Morrison. Scotland v Zimbabwe: Reordan, Lawrence, N Cadamuro (It). Canada v Romania: MacNeill, Fitzgerald, Peard. Wales v Argentina: Hourquet, Robin, Doyle. Oct 11: England v United States: Peard; Bevan, B Anderson. 12: Scotland v Ireland: Howard; E Morrison, Robin. Wales v Australia: Lawrence, Bishop, Fleming. Fiji v Romania: Doyle; Hilditch, E Sklar (Arg). 13: Argentina v Western Samoa: Anderson; Fleming, V Vasilica (Rom). New Zealand v Italy: Fitzgerald; MacNeill, Went. France v Canada: Hilditch; Doyle, F Vito (W Samoa). 14: Zimbabwe v Japan: Hourquet; Robin, Roelands.

Casting light on new regime

By GERALD DAVIES

WHEN it was first proposed that Wales should entertain France to celebrate the switching on of the new floodlights this evening at the Cardiff Arms Park, it must have seemed like a good idea at the time. The lights were needed to serve not only the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) itself — it will be the only one of the British and Irish international grounds to stage an evening match in the World Cup — but the larger ambitions of the Football Association of Wales who want to stage their international matches there, as well as a final of one of the European competitions.

By playing France, potentially the most magnetically attractive national team, the WRU believed that at one fell swoop they would recover the total cost of the installation as well as provide financial assistance to youth and schools rugby. The WRU, for all its tattered image, patently still retains a clear eye for a good deal. The pity is they have kept their eye off the ball for too long. They understand the money. Do they any longer actually understand the Welsh game and what its needs are?

Pitting their forlorn and sometimes truant team against the might of France after all sense of purpose was dissipated in Australia, every dejected spirit laid bare, seems to present yet another masochistic moment, as if there were a need for any more of these, for Welsh embarrassment. France, doing much as they pleased, scored 36 points in Paris in March. Even from that lowly position Welsh fortunes continued to accelerate even more dramatically downhill during the summer.

It seemed a bright idea, then, money-wise, although the WRU might consider why it is that tickets have not been so readily snapped up and that the late flurry, which might swell the crowd to 40,000, is due to simple curiosity rather than sporting passion. Without success, the Welsh supporter is fast becoming a cooler, more discerning customer. They had better soon get their act together which they have manifestly failed to do for a decade. Discerning customers want their money's worth of fun, not a never ending tragedy. But, wait. Perhaps it still is a good idea, playing-wise.

It would most certainly not have been had Ron Waldron, the former team manager, been around. For all his good intentions, the strained relationship which has gradually developed between him and his players was beyond recovery. Brushing the stables clean, there is now a new coach, Alan Davies, new manager, Robert Norster, and a new captain in Ieuan Evans.

They will all be glad of the rehearsal, for that is what this match is, before Alan Davies can pursue, quite rightly his declared, limited objectives in the World Cup — beating Argentina and Western Samoa so as to avoid having to qualify for 1995. Except, that he would have preferred to have done so against less formidable opposition. It is, a match which is more important for Wales than it is for France.

WALES: A Clement (Swansea); I Evans (Llanelli, captain), S Gibbs (Neath), M Hall (Cardiff), A Emyr (Cardiff); M Ring (Cardiff), R Jones (Swansea); M Griffiths (Cardiff), G Jenkins (Pontypool), L Delaney (Llanelli), E Lewis (Llanelli), Glyn Llewellyn (Neath), K Moseley (Newport), R Collins (Cardiff), P Davies (Llanelli).

FRANCE: S Blanco (Biarritz, captain); J-B Lafond (Racing Club), P Sella (Agen), F Mesnel (Racing Club), P Saint-Andre (Montferrand); D Camberabero (Beziers), H Sanz (Narbonne); G Lascube (Agen), L Armary (Lourdes), P Ondarts (Biarritz), M Courtols (Begles), T Devergie (Nimes), O Roumat (Dax), L Cabannes (Racing Club), M Cecillon (Bourgoin).

Referee: J Fleming (Scotland).

New man at the helm: a smiling Davies has the job of reviving Welsh fortunes

RFU 'reads riot act' to Askeans over recruitment

By PETER BILLS

THE London junior club involved in the recruitment of two England internationals from the Wasps club has been strongly criticised at a meeting with the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

Askeans, who have recruited the prop forwards, Paul Rendall and Jeff Probyn, for this season, were called to Twickenham and subjected to some firm talking by RFU officers.

Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary said yesterday: "Representatives of the club were called in and were read the riot act. The officials were questioned closely about various things and the RFU got its message across to them."

Twickenham officials emphasised their displeasure at Askeans' alleged abandonment of the accepted procedures in recruiting new playing members. Wood said: "We were unhappy because they clearly had not followed the correct procedures. They did not contact Wasps directly so we spelled out to them in no uncertain terms how these clubs should be run."

Wood said that a report on the affair has been sent to the RFU's executive committee and the matter will now be discussed at that level.

☐ Screensport, the satellite TV company, yesterday claimed they, and not ITV, will be providing the most extensive coverage of next month's World Cup. The company, who broadcast to 22 million homes in 20 European countries, will be showing 31 of the 32 games live. Only a time clash of Pool Two matches on October 9 prevents a clean sweep.

Ross Biddiscombe, of Screensport, said: "The 1987 World Cup was televised in only 15 countries, but our coverage in Europe means that 65 countries will be watching this time."

☐ Nottingham have suspended Brian Gabriel, their scrum half, for seven days following a breach of club discipline. Andy Starr, a club spokesman, said yesterday: "Brian has been suspended because he remained in the hotel bar until 4.30am on the eve of our defence of the Selkirk sevens title last weekend."

The ban means Gabriel will miss Nottingham's opening fixture of the season, at home to Terenure College next Saturday. His place has gone to David Wright, the former Leicester scrum half.

☐ Martin Bayfield, the lock, and Ian Hunter, the full back, left out of England's World Cup squad after touring Australia and Fiji earlier this summer, will miss Northampton's home game against Richmond tonight.

Barrie Corless, the club administrator, said: "We didn't feel they would be in the right frame of mind to play Richmond after failing to make the squad."

But Tim Rodber, the England B No. 8, who missed Northampton's 32-12 defeat at Newcastle Gosforth on Sunday, returns to the side, along with John Steele, the stand-off, who takes over the captaincy in the absence of John Olver, the hooker.

☐ The death has occured, at 81, of John Idwal Rees, the former Welsh international centre and wing who took part in his country's victory over the All Blacks in 1935. He was headmaster of Cowbridge Grammar School from 1938 to 1971.

No trouble for Japanese

NAGOYA — Japan outplayed Hong Kong, winning 32-6 here yesterday in a warm-up match for next month's World Cup (AFP reports). The second-string Japanese XV, captained by Seiji Hirao, ran in five tries.

The Japanese went into the interval with a 22-0 advantage. They will field their leading players for the return match on Saturday.

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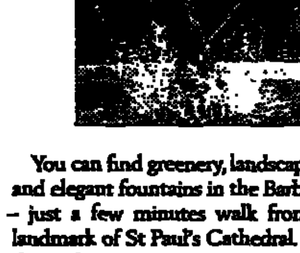

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Weight of evidence points to improving Witness Box

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

FOLLOWING Barrish's fine win at Sandown Park last Saturday, Witness Box, from John Gosden's Newmarket stable, now appeals as the likely winner of the Batleys Cash & Carry Handicap at York today, and he is my nap with *Steve* Cauthen in the saddle.

At Sandown in July Witness Box and Barrish started joint favourites to win a similar race over today's distance. But there was only one in it as Witness Box stormed home by five lengths, even though he was set to concede 7lb to his market rival.

That performance bore all the hallmarks of an improving stayer, which Witness Box showed himself to be at Ascot nine days later when he carried his penalty to an equally decisive though less spectacular victory in the Brown Jack Handicap.

On that occasion Highflying was 2¼ lengths behind in third place. Today, Highflying, who won the corresponding race 12 months ago with 4lb more on his back, will be meeting Witness Box on 4lb better terms.

In theory, that should give him a chance of gaining his revenge but, following that most disappointing run in the Ebor for which he started favourite, I much prefer Witness Box in this instance.

Like Highflying, the normally consistent High Beacon and Aahsaylad also ran badly last time, the latter also in the Ebor. In the circumstances Native Magic may turn out to be Witness Box's main danger.

Like Highflying, both Masnun and Mellottie will also be chasing the prizes that they won on the same occasion 12 months ago.

I believe Roland O'Sullivan's tough six-year-old Masnun is capable of giving a repeat performance in the Lawrence Batley Handicap, especially now that Darren Biggs will trim his weight to 8st 6lb by claiming a 5lb allowance, I also think that Melottie will be anchored by his bigger weight in the Capolini Italian Wines Handicap.

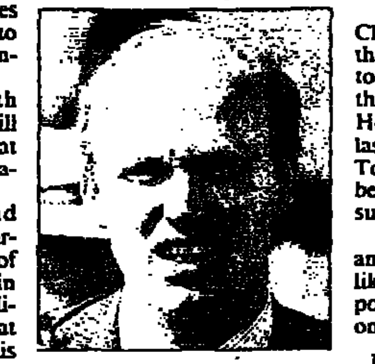
Last year Masnun beat Bertie Wooster and Dry Point by a length and the same. Now, following that narrow yet decisive win at Goodwood where he beat Hard To Figure, the Sussex-trained grey looks in the sort of form to win again.

Run Rings (4.00) from Luca Cumani's stable, is preferred to Melottie and Troupe after his unfortunate experience at the Ebor meeting when his saddle slipped during a race for which he started favourite on the strength of an earlier fine run at Goodwood. He is entitled to at least one chance to retrieve those losses.

Another Episode, one of those who was successful during that same big meeting on the Knavesmire, returns there with a clear chance of also capturing the Best Buy Products Stakes, having beaten Fair Crack over the same course and distance to win the Roses Stakes.

In the meantime Regal Chimes, the third horse home that day, has drawn attention to the overall soundness of that form by winning the Horn Blower Stakes at Ripon last Saturday from Mamma's Too and Branston Abby, albeit when the race conditions suited him.

Finally, **Aptakisic** (2.00) and **Shaleel** (4.30) look the likely answers to the puzzles posed by the two maiden races on the card.


Gosden: chasing treble with Witness Box

Blinkered first time

York: 4.30 Visiting Royalty

Dashing Blade's return off

KINGSCLERE trainer Ian Balding has scrapped plans to bring triple group race winner Dashing Blade back to action for the Arc de Triomphe and Breeders' Cup.

The 1989 Dewhurst winner was retired to stud due to a tendon injury, but after successfully covering mares returned to Balding's yard this summer to be prepared for a racing comeback.

He worked exceptionally well in home spins, but now the *troubled leg has flared up again* and wiped out all hopes of a return.

"It's very sad, he has been working so well and gave us a flutter of excitement," said Balding's wife Emma at Brighton yesterday, when the yard won the first race with Clipper One.

Balding said later from his stables that there was now "no chance" that Dashing Blade would ever race again.

The horse will return to owner Jeff Smith's Littleton Stud, near Winchester, and will be syndicated in due course.

Veteran trainer Jack O'Donoghue, based at Reigate with just 12 horses, returned to the winner's enclosure for the first time in more than six years when his Moreirwen won the Queens Park Apprentice Selling Handicap at the Sussex course.

YORK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.00 Aptakisic.	2.00 Aptakisic.	3.00 **AAHSAYLAD** (nap).
2.30 Another Episode.	2.30 **ANOTHER EPISODE** (*nap*).	3.30 Cumbrian Waltzer.
3.00 **WITNESS BOX** (nap).	3.00 Highflying.	4.00 *Mellottie*.
3.30 Masnun.	3.30 Stack Rock.	
4.00 Run Rings.	4.00 Mellottie.	
4.30 Shaleel.	4.30 Laburnum.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 **APTAKISIC** (nap). 3.00 Witness Box. 4.00 Run Rings.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 **GREEN DOLLAR.**

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 WACHENFELD GERMAN WINES MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,386: 7f 202yd) (5 runners)

101	(1)	2	APTAKISIC 14 (R Duchossois) L Cumani 9-0	L Dettori	● 99
102	(4)	33	SCARABEN 55 (R Lockhart-Smith) M Wilkinson 9-0	J Reid	93
103	(2)	34-3000	CHLOES DIAMOND 11 (K Jaffa) C Booth 8-9	A Culhane	90
104	(3)	0	PERFIDY 137 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-9	M Roberts	79
105	(5)	05	QUALITAIR RHYTHM 20 (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 8-9	Paul Burke	—

BETTING: 4-6 Aptakisic, 5-1 Scaraben, 6-1 Perfidy, 8-1 Chloes Diamond, 16-1 Qualitair Rhythm.

1990: SHARP SALUTE 9-0 M Hills (10-1) B Hills 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

APTAKISIC ran green when beat 2nd to Laxmi in an apprentice maiden race at Yarmouth (1m, firm). SCARABEN 6l 3rd to Dawson Place at Kempton (7f, good to firm). CHLOES DIAMOND 16l 8th of 13 to Starway To Heaven in a claimer at Newcastle (1m, good to firm). PERFIDY prominent for 5f when 14l 13th of 17 to Umniyatee at Newbury (7f, good). QUALITAIR RHYTHM 10l 5th to Berlin Wall at Southwell (AW, 1m, standard).
Selection: APTAKISIC

2.30 BEST BUY PRODUCTS STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,390: 5f) (9 runners)

201	(7)	121121	ANOTHER EPISODE 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 9-4	J Carroll	● 99
202	(1)	113131	WILD HONOUR 9 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Heim) W Muir 9-4	S Whitworth	88
203	(9)	31	MAGNIFIED 102 (F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery	71
204	(5)	013231	MISS NOSEY PARKER 13 (D,F,S) (T Cunningham) R Hannon 8-9	R Perham (5)	94
205	(2)	443141	MISS VAXETTE 9 (D,F) (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 8-9	N Howe	78
206	(8)	123124	WALK IN THE PARK 11 (D,G,S) (M Lewin) R Simpson 8-9	T Williams	92
207	(3)	0	NOBBY BARNES 34 (Mrs R Armstrong) R Armstrong 8-7	B Crossley	—
208	(6)		PRINCESS DECHTRA (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 8-2	W Carson	—
209	(4)		YAFILL (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 8-2	P D'Arcy	—

BETTING: 2-1 Another Episode, 3-1 Miss Nosey Parker, 9-2 Magnified, 6-1 Wild Honour, 8-1 Walk In The Park, 10-1 Yafill, 16-1 Miss Vaxette, 20-1 others.

1990: JENNIE'S GEM 8-9 Pat Eddery (13-2) R Boss 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANOTHER EPISODE made all to beat Fair Crack 2l in a listed race over course and distance (good). Previously, 1½l 2nd to Sahara Star in group III Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good).
WILD HONOUR beat Arabellajill a neck in a nursery at Sandown (5f, good). Previously, 5½l 3rd to Swing Low in similar race at Newmarket (6f, good), with WALK IN THE PARK (10lb better off) a neck 4th. MAGNIFIED beat Saintly Artist 1l in a maiden at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). MISS NOSEY PARKER beat Bit-A-Magic 3l at Salisbury (5f, good to firm). YAFILL (foaled Apr 28) is by Nureyev, and is the first foal of dam closely related to top-class milers Zilzal and Polish Precedent.
Selection: ANOTHER EPISODE

3.00 BATLEYS CASH & CARRY HANDICAP (£6,368: 1m 5f 194yd) (9 runners)

301	(6)	535330	HIGH BEACON 35 (F,G) (Mrs J Wright) H Candy 4-8-10	Georgina Frost (7)	98
302	(2)	340311	WITNESS BOX 40 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-3	S Cauthen	95
303	(8)	310-530	HIGHFLYING 14 (CD,BF,F,G) (B Batey) A Harrison 5-8-13	K Fallon	96
304	(9)	142210	AAHSAYLAD 14 (D,F,G,S) (M Stapleton) F Lee 5-8-11	R Lappin	95
305	(5)	03300-6	NATIVE MAGIC 78 (F,S) (R Arculli) R Armstrong 5-8-6	W Carson	98
306	(1)	42106-6	TOMAHAWK 15 (G) (Charles Saunders & Partners) R Holder 4-8-4	J Williams	84
307	(7)	432450	EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 13 (F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-7-9	S Maloney (5)	● 99
308	(4)	2-31232	KISKA 20 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-7-7	D Holland	95
309	(3)	040-442	DALBY DANCER 9 (D,F,G,S) (J Benbow) B McMahon 7-7-7	J Lowe	94

Long handicap: Dalby Dancer 7-2

BETTING: 3-1 Witness Box, 4-1 Highflying, 5-1 Kiska, 8-1 Aahsaylad, 8-1 Native Magic, 10-1 Tomahawk, 12-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, 14-1 High Beacon, 16-1 Dalby Dancer.

1990: HIGHFLYING 4-9-3 K Fallon (9-2) A Harrison 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIGH BEACON 1½l 3rd to Kimbers at Chepstow (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. WITNESS BOX beat Goldene Seeker 1½l at Ascot (2m, good), with HIGHFLYING (4lb better off) ¾l 3rd.
AAHSAYLAD beat Thomas Leng a short head at Ayr (1m 5f, good) on penultimate start. KISKA 4l 2nd to Requested at Salisbury (1m 6f, firm). Previously, 1½l 3rd to Corn Lily at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, firm), with EIRE LEATH-SCEAL (7lb better off) 13½l 5th. DALBY DANCER 1½l 2nd to Art Form at Warwick (2m, good to firm).
Selection: KISKA

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M Stoute	30	122	24.6	S Cauthen	49	205	23.9
J Gosden	7	29	24.1	Pat Eddery	42	221	19.0
J Wharton	3	13	23.1	W R Swinburn	30	161	18.6
R Holder	3	14	21.4	L Dettori	13	78	16.7
L Cumani	15	73	20.5	W Carson	30	196	15.3

3.30 LAWRENCE BATLEY HANDICAP (£16,700: 6f) (23 runners)

401	(2)	660-500	MAC'S FIGHTER 36 (B,D,F,G) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 6-10-0	L Dettori	89
402	(5)	53-0440	KNIGHT OF MERCY 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Grant) R Hannon 5-9-10	Pat Eddery	94
403	(6)	0-51315	PANIKIN 46 (D,F,G) (P Lambert) J Wharton 3-9-8	J Williams	93
404	(4)	511200	CUMBRIAN WALTZER 15 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Cumb Ind Ltd) M H Easterby 6-9-7	M Birch	98
405	(8)	522054	SILVER SINGING 11 (C,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-2	R Cochrane	95
406	(15)	030002	BERTIE WOOSTER 15 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss A Rawding) R Holder 8-9-2	M Roberts	98
407	(11)	0104-00	VAX LADY 12 (D,F,G) (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 4-9-1	Dean McKeown	97
408	(20)	41	TBAB 149 (D,S) (M Obaida) C Brittain 3-8-13	B Raymond	89
409	(9)	500351	MASNUN 11 (CD,F,G,S) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 6-8-11	D Biggs (5)	97
410	(13)	455120	TOSHIBA COMET 9 (D,F,G,S) (Mike Clynes Associates) W Pearce 4-8-10	D Nicholls	94
411	(3)	045552	HARD TO FIGURE 11 (D,F,G) (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-8-10	T Sprake	97
412	(7)	302210	ALTAIA 9 (CD,F,G) (P Deal) W Haggas 4-8-9	R Hills	98
413	(16)	2212	*PASADENA PET 67 (BF,F) (D Russell) J Fanshawe 3-8-9*	*W R Swinburn*	*87*
414	(19)	240142	DOMINUET 11 (G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 6-8-7	R Fox	94
415	(22)	204404	GREEN DOLLAR 4 (D,F,G) (B Azemoudeh) E Wheeler 8-8-7	F Norton (5)	● 99
416	(17)	111101	RED ROSEIN 9 (D,F,G) (J Gittins) J H Wilson 5-8-7 (7ex)	G Carter	97
417	(18)	010-	HIGHLAND HERO 329 (D,S) (Gymcrak Racing III Plc) M H Easterby 4-8-6	K Darley	98
418	(12)	004260	FINAL SHOT 18 (CD,F,S) (P Hurst) M H Easterby 4-8-4	J Lowe	93
419	(21)	501606	FINJAN 15 (V,D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-8-4	W Carson	97
420	(10)	0-42002	GORINSKY 18 (D,F,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 3-8-3	J Carroll	98
421	(14)	51214	ROYALE ROBINIA 67 (D,F,G) (J Hunt) R Whitaker 3-8-2	A Culhane	90
422	(1)	00-0166	DRY POINT 14 (D,F,G) (Lady S Morrison) J Toller 5-8-1	W Newnes	93
423	(23)	232216	STACK ROCK 25 (D,G) (Castle Racing) E Alston 4-7-13	K Fallon	96

BETTING: 10-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, Masnun, 11-1 Red Rosein, 12-1 Bertie Wooster, Dry Point, Knight Of Mercy, Silver Singing, 14-1 Final Shot, Hard To Figure, 16-1 Altaia, Finjan, Pasadena Pet, Stack Rock, Toshiba Comet.

1990: MASNUN 5-9-3 J Reid (8-1) R O'Sullivan 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

TBAB beat beat Jewel of The Nile 10l in a maiden at Newcastle (6f, soft) in April. MASNUN beat HARD TO FIGURE (1lb better off) a neck at Goodwood (6f, good), with SILVER SINGING (2lb better off) ½l 4th, GREEN DOLLAR (5lb better off) 5l 7th and KNIGHT OF MERCY (3lb better off) 3l 11th
ALTAIA beat BERTIE WOOSTER (1lb better off) a head at York (6f, good), with FINJAN (7lb better off) 4l 5th and CUMBRIAN WALTZER (7lb better off) 5l 9th. PASADENA PET 1½l 2nd to Sizzling Saga at Newcastle (6f, good to firm), with ROYALE ROBINIA 2½l 4th. DOMINUET ½l 2nd to Seamere at Newmarket (5f, good) GREEN DOLLAR 3¾l 4th to Bold Habit at Sandown (5f, good to firm). RED ROSEIN beat Fillicaia ¾l at Ripon (6f, good to firm), with TOSHIBA COMET (7lb better off) 8½l 15th. FINJAN beat FINAL SHOT (2lb worse off) ½l at Haydock (6f, good to firm) in July. STACK ROCK beat Mango Manila neck at Ascot (6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: BERTIE WOOSTER

4.00 CAPOLINI ITALIAN WINES HANDICAP (£5,936: 1m 205yd) (17 runners)

501	(4)	2-11240	MELLOTTIE 14 (CD,F) (Mrs J Fulton) Mrs G Reveley 6-9-10	J Lowe	94
502	(16)	201140	SELF EXPRESSION 14 (F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 3-9-7	S O'Gorman (3)	96
503	(8)	226400	ROSEATE LODGE 11 (F,G) (Wharf Racing) R Armstrong 5-9-3	B Crossley	96
504	(12)	1	*JAZILAH 28 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-2*	R Hills	89
505	(7)	024131	TELL NO LIES 18 (F) (Mrs A Johnstone) M H Easterby 4-8-12	M Birch	98
506	(3)	310605	TROUPE 14 (G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-10	Pat Eddery	● 99
507	(10)	201-253	BARFORD LAD 9 (BF,S) (Mrs C Handscombe) J Fanshawe 4-8-8	W R Swinburn	97
508	(9)	010220	RUN RINGS 14 (BF,F) (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-6	L Dettori	96
509	(2)	043001	STEP HIGH 9 (F) (M Obaida) C Brittain 3-8-6 (5ex)	M Roberts	98
510	(15)	030132	SIR DANIK 30 (F) (F Lee) F Lee 3-8-1	R Lappin	97
511	(11)	430-230	SALMAN 120 (F,S) (S Norton) S Norton 5-8-0	S Maloney (5)	95
512	(13)	0-2103	SOHRAB 18 (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-7-13	A Munro	95
513	(5)	605003	USA DOLLAR 12 (B,F) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 4-7-11	D Holland	97
514	(6)	026333	CALLIPOLI 21 (D,G) (Mrs B Long) John FitzGerald 4-7-11	W Carson	98
515	(17)	213060	DOUBLE ENTENDRE 19 (D,F,G,S) (K Blake) J Akehurst 5-7-8	E Johnson	96
516	(14)	00263	BRILLIANT 42 (R Connew) J Pearce 3-7-7	F Norton (5)	91
517	(1)	650560	*QUALITAIR SOUND 46 (BF) (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 3-7-7*	*N Kennedy (5)*	91

Long handicap: Brilliant 7-5, Qualitair Sound 7-0

BETTING: 7-1 Mellottie, Run Rings, Tell No Lies, Troupe, 10-1 Barford Lad, Step High, 11-1 Sohrab, 12-1 Callipoli.

1990: MELLOTTIE 5-8-4 J Lowe (8-1) Mrs G Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

JAZILAH beat Mathkoor 3l in a maiden at Thirsk (1m, firm). TELL NO LIES beat Designate ¾l at Ripon (1m 2f, good to firm), with SOHRAB (2lb better off) 1½l 3rd. TROUPE 6l 5th to Palatial Style over course and distance (good), with RUN RINGS (4lb worse off), saddle slipped, 2l 7th, MELLOTTIE (same terms) 12l 12th and SELF EXPRESSION *(same terms)* 21st. BARFORD LAD 2½l 3rd to Jalmusique at Ripon (1m, good to firm). STEP HIGH beat Old Glory 1l in a maiden at Sandown (7f, good to firm).
SIR DANIK 3½l 2nd to Tarda at Ripon (1m 1f, firm) USA DOLLAR 3l 3rd to Burdur at Goodwood (1m, good)
Selection: MELLOTTIE (nap)

4.30 BATLEYS CATERING RANGE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,737: 1m 2f 85yd) (16 runners)

601	(3)	0623	COUNT BARACHOIS 11 (D Brown) M Jarvis 9-0	G Crealock	83
602	(1)		LABURNUM (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 9-0	L Dettori	—
603	(14)	5	LEXUS 14 (G Wilke) R Williams 9-0	R Cochrane	81
604	(11)	05-3	MOUFAJAH 11 (A Ali) B Hanbury 9-0	B Raymond	90
605	(16)	0	NAAFIR 137 (A Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	—
606	(13)		RAYADO (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	—
607	(8)		RINGLAND (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
608	(4)	2352	SHALEEL 11 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0	W Carson	97
609	(9)	33	*SIR GEORGE CHUFFY 19 (Mrs B Facchino) F Lee 9-0*	*A Munro*	*86*
610	(15)	46-22	SOUTH AUSTRALIA 107 (Sheikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	90
611	(10)	405	TSUNAMI 113 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0	M Birch	84
612	(7)		*DOUBLES (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-9*	W R Swinburn	—
613	(2)	203232	ELFASLAH 21 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9	R Hills	● 99
614	(5)	0	HALOOB 11 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-9	B Crossley	81
615	(12)	6-	PLECTRUM 373 (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 8-9	D Holland	71
616	(6)	04	VISITING ROYALTY 79 (B) (Mrs T Schuemann) N Graham 8-9	J Fortune	—

BETTING: 4-1 Elfaslah, 5-1 Shaleel, 11-2 South Australia, 6-1 Rayado, 13-2 Laburnum, 7-1 Doubles, 8-1 others

1990: HAROON 9-0 L Dettori (2-1) L Cumani 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

NAAFIR 15l 11th to Rainio at Newbury (1m, good) in April. SHALEEL ½l 2nd to Sheroog at Newmarket (1m, good), with MOUFAJAH 2½l 3rd and HALOOB 4½l 8th. SIR GEORGE CHUFFY 8½l *3rd* to Principle Music at Haydock (1m 2f 121yd, good to firm). SOUTH AUSTRALIA 3l 2nd to Komombo at Bath (1m 2f, firm). ELFASLAH 3l 2nd to Gai Bulga at Salisbury at Salisbury (1m 2f, firm). PLECTRUM 9l 6th to Third Watch at Sandown (7f, good to firm) last August. LABURNUM, by Glint Of Gold out of Ebor runner-up Lorelene, half-brother to 1m 4f winner Latvian. RAYADO, by Shadeed, half-brother to 7f juvenile winner Kohaylan. RINGLAND, by Gate Dancer, half-brother to top-class American sprinter Groovy. DOUBLES, by Damister out of stayer Obertura. Half-sister to 1m 2f winner Bertlion.
Selection: SHALEEL

FONTWELL PARK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.15 Coir 'A' Ghaill.	2.15 Homile.
2.45 They All Forgot Me.	2.45 They All Forgot Me.
3.15 Givemeacall.	3.15 Dear Miff.
3.45 Never A Penny.	3.45 Riva's Touch.
4.15 *Lucky* Lane.	4.15 Lucky Lane.
4.45 Winslow Lad.	4.45 Winslow Lad.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.15 FISHBOURNE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,577: 2m 2f) (11 runners)

1		EURO MARK 13F (R Toovey) M Madgwick 11-2	D Madgwick (7)	—
2	6	FIVE CASTLES 22 (Sir Milton Sharp) G Enright 11-0	R Moore (7)	—
3	3202	HOMILE 9 (P Blockley) P Blockley 11-0	P Midgley (7)	—
4	4	BIRLING ASHES 26 (Mrs S Garrad) J Jenkins 10-11	R Dunwoody	—
5	3	SEABEE 14 (Mrs F Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 10-10	*R Guest*	—
6		STAPLEFORD LADY 21F (D Woods) A Hide 10-8	S Woods	—
7	33	SUPER MALT 12 (F Allison) Miss K Allison 10-7	B Powell	—
8	2	COIR 'A' GHAILL 22 (B) (S Holt) P Hobbs 10-6	Peter Hobbs	—
9	43	LILY SUGARS 9 (B M Enterprises Ltd) J Moore 10-5	A Charlton	—
10	U	ASTRAL'S DELIGHT 12 (D Williams) J Moore 10-4	J Osborne	—
11	6	MABEL BROWN 23 (D Brown) J *Jenkins* 10-4	*M Ahern*	—

BETTING: 11-8 Coir 'A' Ghaill, 7-2 Homile, 4-1 Birling Ashes, 6-1 Super Malt, 8-1 Seabee, 12-1 others.

1990: CRAZY RIVER 11-3 M Pitman (7-2) Mrs J Pitman 10 ran

2.45 STANE STREET NOVICES CHASE (£1,974: 2m 2f 110yd) (4 runners)

1	43345-1	RUN BY JOVE 14 (CD,F,S) (Chiltern Hills Racing Club) J White 8-11-12	A Jones	—
2	P2P/F-34	EYRE COURT 9 (T Dyer) C Weedon 10-11-6	Peter Hobbs	—
3	5	AL-KHALIDA 12 (B) (J Dufosee) R Hodges 7-11-1	A Tory	—
4	00464-3	THEY ALL FORGOT ME 23 (F,G) (R Edwards) T Casey 4-10-5	R Dunwoody	—

BETTING: 11-10 They *All Forgot Me*, 5-2 *Run By Jove*, 100-30 Al-Khalida, 8-1 Eyre Court.

1990: SMART SLAVE 7-11-6 R Dunwoody (13-2) Miss L Bower 7 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Channon	3	8	37.5	*G McCourt*	8	28	28.6
Miss B Sanders	11	40	27.5	Peter Hobbs	11	49	22.4
P Hobbs	8	31	25.8	D Morris	9	45	20.0
J White	6	24	25.0	Dale McKeown	12	66	18.2
J Gifford	38	157	24.2	A Tory	8	44	18.2
J Jenkins	8	50	18.0	B Powell	9	55	16.4

3.15 FONS SELLING HURDLE (£1,483: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

1	4000P-6	GORDANO 7 (F) (R Davis) D Jermy 4-12-3	P Davies (7)	—
2	1256F-3	DEAR MIFF 7 (CD,F) (C Fung) M Channon 6-12-0	Lorna Vincent	—
3	3265-24	NORSTOCK 9 (N Quesnel) J White 4-11-7	D Skyrme	—
4	20000/	STRIDE HOME 23F (P Taplin) M Madgwick 6-11-4	D Madgwick (7)	—
5	00P000-	DONNA LORENZA 112 (Taybridge Racing Club) C Weedon 4-11-2	Peter Hobbs	—
6		PRIOR CHARGE 6F (J Cunn) Miss B Sanders 4-11-2	Dale McKeown	—
7	21	GIVEMEACALL 11 (F) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds Plc) N Tinkler 3-10-10	G McCourt	—
8		ICE ICE BABY 25F (G Anthony) T Naughton 3-10-0	D Morris	—

BETTING: 7-4 Givemeacall, 3-1 Dear Miff, 4-1 Norstock, 6-1 Prior Charge, 8-1 Gordano, 12-1 others

1990: DEAR MIFF 5-11-4 Lorna Vincent (5-1) M Channon 8 ran

3.45 SLINDON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,301: 2m 2f 110yd) (5 runners)

1	212246-	VINCANTO 250 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Clatworthy) J Gifford 9-11-10	NON-RUNNER	—
2	1/3112-5	SMALLWOOD WILLET 22 (CD,BF,F) (*T Swaffield*) *R Buckler* 11-11-4	*Peter Hobbs*	—
3	4301-21	NEVER A PENNY 14 (B,CD,F,S) (J Moone) J Elliott 8-10-12	D Morris	—
4	013F5-3	TRY ME NOW 6 (F) (J Upson) J Upson 5-10-0	R Supple	—
5	0533-21	RIVA'S TOUCH 18 (F,G) (Moor Farm Racing) Mrs A King 8-10-0	R Dunwoody	—

Long handicap: Try Me Now 9-13, Riva's Touch 9-13

BETTING: 2-1 Smallwood Willet, 5-2 Never A Penny, 3-1 Riva's Touch, 7-2 Try Me Now

1990: SMALLWOOD WILLET 10-11-5 Peter Hobbs (7-4 fav) P Hobbs 6 ran

4.15 BOW HILL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,292: 2m 6f) (4 runners)

1	6UU-111	LUCKY LANE 6 (B,CD,F) (R Hamilton) P Hobbs 7-11-10	C Maude	—
2	01344-5	BEANZ MEANZ 32 (G) (Mrs N Jones) R Rowe 5-10-12	R Guest	—
3	5-	GOODBYE ROSCOE 103 (Miss J Eddy) C Nash 6-10-7	B Powell	—
4	2U350-2	TOCHENKA 9 (R Minton-Price) R Juckes 7-10-7	P Barnard (3)	—

BETTING: 8-11 Lucky Lane, 3-1 Beanz Meanz, 6-1 Tochenka, 8-1 Goodbye Roscoe

1990: GOLDEN SCISSORS 4-10-10 Lorna Vincent (5-2 fav) M Channon 6 ran

4.45 CHICHESTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,055: 2m 2f) (2 runners)

1	350-511	RULING DYNASTY 9 (B,CD,F,G,S) (M Pilcher) M Usher 7-12-2 (6ex)	Gee Armytage	—
2	222P1-1	WINSLOW LAD 26 (B,F) (Winslow Racing) T Casey 4-11-4	R Dunwoody	—

BETTING: 8-13 Ruling Dynasty, 11-10 Winslow Lad

1990: RULING DYNASTY 6-12-0 P Scudamore (100-30) M Usher 5 ran

☐ Barry Hills launches an ambitious raid on three group one prizes at *Longchamp on Sunday. Bold Russian*, successful in the Beefeater Gin Celebration Mile at Goodwood last month, attempts to give the Lambourn trainer his second consecutive victory in the Emirates Prix du Moulin de Longchamp following Distant Relative's triumph 12 months ago. Newbury maiden winner Colorific steps up in class for the Prix de la Salamandre while Further Flight, the Goodwood Cup winner, is to be supplemented for the Prix Gladiateur.

Cole pins Leger double hopes on Fly Away Soon

By PHIL MCLENNAN

PAUL Cole, who holds a commanding *lead in the* trainers' championship, guaranteed himself a tilt at the season's final classic yesterday when Fly Away Soon was supplemented at a cost of £25,000 for the Coalite St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday week.

Cole's Goodwood winner and Geoffrey Wragg's Arcadian Heights were the only horses to *be added to the 13 original* acceptors before yesterday's noon deadline.

Fly Away Soon will be attempting to give Cole and Richard Quinn their second consecutive St *Leger following* Snurge's triumph in 1990. However, whereas the Whatcombe trainer was confident 12 months ago that Snurge would stay the trip, he has an open mind regarding *Fly* Away Soon's stamina.

"The jockey tells me the horse will stay," Cole said. "But then he's not the one paying the bill. Fly Away Soon showed us a lot in the spring and was heading for the French Derby until he ran badly at Kempton.

"We still don't know what happened there but then I made a mistake running him on the all-weather at Lingfield, although he won. His Goodwood form when beating Magnificent Star, the subsequent Yorkshire Oaks winner, looks good but I *don't know how reliable the* York form is."

Corals make Fly Away Soon a 10-1 chance along with Arcadian Heights. Explaining the change of heart in deciding to supplement Saturday's Chester winner, Wragg said: "We have weighed up the likely opposition and decided to go ahead. We think he has a very good chance of being in the first three."

More immediately, Shadayid was the best-backed horse yesterday for Saturday's Ladbroke Sprint Cup at Haydock. The 1,000 Guineas winner was trimmed from 9-4 to 2-1 favourite by Corals and from 11-4 to 5-2 joint-favourite by Hills.

Sheikh Albadou, the firm's *other joint-favourite, will be* ridden by Bruce Raymond as Pat Eddery, his regular partner, has been claimed to ride Quest For Fame in the September Stakes at Kempton.

With Lycius and Keen Hunter missing the Haydock race, Steve Cauthen will team up with Sheikh Mohammed's only other acceptor, the Bill Watts-trained German 1,000 Guineas winner, Kazoo.

ST LEGER BETTING: Corals: 5-2 Toulon, 7-2 Corrupt, 6-1 Saddlers' Hall, 7-1 Micheletti, 8-1 Jendali, 10-1 Fly Away Soon, Arcadian Heights, 12-1 Luchiroverte, Jahafil, 33-1 Firance Dancer, 50-1 Kryonaqu, Mur Station, 100-1 Libk.

Quinn: confident Cole's Leger hope will stay

HAC warning on power structure

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Jockey Club was given the firmest of reminders yesterday that it must be prepared to share control of racing for the future *well-being of the sport*.

Sir Nevil Macready, chairman of the Horseracing Advisory Council, warned that if the the management of racing was not changed and modernised, following recent Commons select committee recommendations, "others will organise racing for us and it may not be the way we want it."

His blunt *assessment* was contained in the introduction to the annual report of the HAC, racing's "think tank."

The home affairs select committee concluded that racing lacked commercial and democratic accountability. It called for the establishment of a single racing body to run the sport "which is truly responsible to representative groups of all who work in the racing industry."

The all-party group of MPs suggested that if such a body was created it would eventually subsume the Levy Board and own *the Tote*.

Sir Nevil said: "The most important next step for racing is to grasp the obvious opportunity offered by the select committee report to reorganise and modernise its management structure."

He added: "When Shakespeare's Brutus proclaimed: 'There is s tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune,' he had nothing so trivial as horse racing in mind. Nevertheless it is true of any field of endeavour that there is a moment, due to a combination of circumstances, when the tide is running strongly in favour of change.

"This is clearly one of those *moments in the history of* British racing. If the opportunity now available to us is not taken, it may not return. Worse, others will organise racing for us and it may not be the way we want it."

The "most regrettable" disagreement during the summer between the Levy Board and Jockey Club on how financial cuts should be applied and *their effect on the fixture list* "served to underline the need for racing to reorganise its management struture."

The Jockey Club, which has controlled racing for more than 200 years, is considering options for change, including the possibility of a single racing authority. However, there is considerable scepticism among leading *racing figures outside* Portman Square as to whether the Jockey Club will implement such radical change.

The HAC is also drawing up a blueprint for the sport's management. A study group is expected to finalise proposals on a new single racing authority by the end of the month.

The ideas being discussed by *the ten-man team, led by Sir* Nevil, involve a racing authority consisting of nominees from the main racing organisations. Views differ as to its size. Twenty four was the initial proposal; some people believe it should be 16.

Representation on the authority will be a crucial detail to be decided.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Brighton

Going: firm (Good to firm last 6f)

2.00 (7f 214yd) 1, CLIPPER ONE (R Cochrane, 3-1 fav); 2, Young Duke (*J Reid*, 7-2); 3, State Governor (Pat Eddery, 7-2) ALSO RAN, 7-2 Something Quick (4th), 14 Breakfast Ride, 25 Anna's Cameo, 33 Carole's King (5th), 50 Carlton Flash, Princess Katie (6th) 9 ran 4l, 3l, sh hd, 5l, 10l I Balding at Kingsclere Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £1.60, £1.40. *DF: £7.30. CSF £12.26*

2.30 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, MOREIRWEN (T McLaughlin, 8-1); 2, Greenwich Bambi (L Newton, 5-1), 3, Xinal (D Gibbs, 11-2) ALSO RAN: 4 fav Gilbert's Girl (4th), 5 Anderson Rose (5th), 6 Scared Stiff, 13-2 Jewel Of The Nile, 20 Gallant Effort (6th), 25 Virginia Stock, 33 Indelible Mark, Micronova 11 ran 3l, hd, 1½l, ½l, 12l. J O'Donoghue at Reigate Tote £9.70; £1.50, £2.10, £2.70. DF £24.70. CSF £45.70 Tricast £219.34 No bid

3.00 (6f 209yd) 1, SAWAKI (W R Swinburn, 7-1), 2, Proud Brigadier (N Carlisle, 20-1); 3, Kaiphas (J Reid, 5-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 5 jt-fav How's Yer Father (4th), 11-2 Corrin Hill, Caromish, 7 The Dawn Trader (6th), 8 Herridge, 12 Heroes Sash (5th), 14 Rarfy's Dream, 25 Bright Sea. 11 ran. NR Moving Force. ½l, 1l, 1½l, 1l, ½l. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £10.40; £2.20, £3.90, £2.20 DF: £217.90 CSF: £118.79 Tricast £898.48

3.30 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, ABINGDON FLYER (Denise Pomeroy, 8-1), 2, Strat's Legacy (D Arbuthnot, 7-1); 3, Beechwood Cottage (Celia Radband, 10-1). 4, Western Loch (Maurine Juster, 16-1) ALSO RAN 5 fav Personality Clash, 6 Shannon Express, Thin Red Line (6th), 7 Longshoreman, 10 The Minder, 12 Savsana, 20 Wileys Folly, 25 Charming *Reply* (5th), 50 Naleem, Between The Sheets, Carole's Guest, Mardior, Baby Boy. 17 ran NR. Cathos 1½l, nk, 2l, 4l, 2l. R Hannon at East Everleigh Tote: £8.90; £2.50, £3.20, £2.60, £3.90. DF. £174.60 CSF £61.24. Tricast £523.52.

4.00 (6f 209yd) 1, GRAND VITESSE (R Perham, 11-4 fav); 2, Burning Point (C Nutter, 16-1); 3, Caithness Rock (B Raymond, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Iron Baron (6th), 6 Stinger (4th). 7 Blackpatch Hill (5th), 8 Dazzling Display. 20 Tom's Apache. 33 Murray Walker. 9 ran 3½l, nk, ½l, 3½l, ½l R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.30; £1.90, £5.80, £1.40 DF: £39.40 CSF £79.37

4.30 (5f 213yd) 1, HOLETOWN (R Perham, 9-4 fav), 2, Cheshire Annie (R Cochrane, 20-1), 3, Shati (N Carlisle, 5-2) ALSO RAN. 5 Anguish. 8 Biyostka (6th), 10 Great Hall (5th) 12 Bella Bettina, 16 Hugging (4th). 8 ran ½l, 4l 1½l, 5l, 3½l R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote £3.40; £1.10, £2.00, £1.90 DF £23.80 CSF £36.68.

5.00 (5f 213yd) 1, FRIMLEY DANCER (C Hawksley, 6-1), 2, Red Poppy (D Harrison, 10-1); 3, Lambada Girl (T Quinn, 13-2) ALSO RAN 4 fav Hamadryad, 13-2 Dark *Kristal* (6th), 15-2 Sioofus (5th), 8 Iron Red, 10 Princess Jestina, 12 Sweet Soul Dream, Jess Rebec (4th), 16 Blazing Belle, 50 Tom's Arctic Dream, 100 Kuwait Sunset 13 ran Hd, nk, hd, 1l, nk. C Hill at Barnstaple Tote. £8.50; £2.90, £3.20, £2.50 DF: £172.30. CSF: £61.82. Tricast £374.67

Placepot: £206.00.

Pontefract

Going: firm

2.15 (5f) 1, SAMSON-AGONISTES (S Sanders, 8-1); 2, Tongue Tied (J Weaver, 15-2), *3, Furiella (Nicola Haworth, 8-1)* ALSO RAN: 3 fav Saint Systems (4th), 4 Mard Welcome, 11-2 Catherines Well (6th), 12 Minizen Music, 14 Jive Music, 16 Waverley Star, 20 Imitate, Oratel Flyer, 33 Strip Cartoon (5th). 12 ran. Sh hd, 1½l, hd, nk, sh hd. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £11.90; £3.00, £3.20, £1.90. DF: £98.80. CSF: £85.02. Tricast £462.57.

2.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, SEAN'S SCHOLAR (G Forster, 12-1); 2, Malindi Bay (B Crossley, 6-1), 3, Lady Baraka (D Holland, 11-8 fav) ALSO RAN 6 Sciacca (4th), 9 Port Sodenick (6th), 10 Station Express, 12 Tea Rose, Patsy's Pet, 14 Emperor Chang, Tender Vision, 20 Bell Turret, 33 Mrs Skinner (5th). 12 ran. NR Miss Carange 2l, 5l, 1½l, 1½l, 6l. C Allen at Newmarket. Tote: £16.80; £3.80, £2.30, £1.50. *DF: £62.10.* CSF £84.51. Bought in 3,500gns.

3.15 (1m 4yd) 1, BATABANOO (K Darley, 5-1), 2, Ribbonaire (R Hills, 17-2); 3, Trial Times (L Dettori, 10-1) ALSO RAN 2 fav Amatonal, 11 Nicely Thanks, Spout House (4th), 12 Watch Me Go (6th), Winged *Whisper, Between Two Fires (5th)*. 16 Marowins, 20 Little Ivor, In The Game, 25 Hot Punch, Miss Narnia. 14 ran. NR. Red For Danger 1½l, nk, 5l, 1½l, ½l Mrs G Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £1.90, £2.60 DF: £11.80 CSF. £47.67. Tricast £386.56

3.45 (6f) 1, TAMIM (R Hills, 9-2), 2, Corals Dream (K Fallon, 10-1), 3, Blake End (L Dettori, 4-1 jt-fav) ALSO RAN 4 jt-fav Baltra (4th), 9-2 Combination (6th), 13-2 Euro Festival (5th), 14 Rocky Waters, 20 My Jersey Pearl, Holiday Island, Traders Dream. 33 Ferdia, 66 Ten High, The Dream Maker. 13 ran 3l, sh hd, 3l, 1½l, 1½l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote. £5.10; £1.70, *£4.90, £1.70 DF: £62.60* CSF. £46.98.

4.15 (2m 1f 216yd) 1, FARSI (G Hind, 7-1); 2, Jackson Flint (R Hills, 4-6 fav); 3, Strike Fire (C Rutter, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 50 Volcanic Dancer (4th), 200 Mothers Day Magic (5th) 5 ran ¾l, 8l, 15l, dist R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon Tote: £7.10; £2.20, £1.10. DF: £2.80 CSF: £11.37. *After a stewards'* enquiry, result stood.

4.45 (1m 4yd) 1, TENDRESSE (A Tucker, 8-1); 2, Double Echo (A Munro, 12-1), 3, Tyrian Purple (M Humphries, 8-1); 4, Miss Mirror (M Hills, 3-1 fav) ALSO RAN: 6 Chatham Island (6th), 9 Unassuming, 10 Caveat Vendor, *Shimmering Scarlet*, Owlandish, 16 Cambrae Cuddy, Star News, Robins Return (5th), 20 Go Telly-Ho, 25 Thorn Goddess, 50 Lisalee, Never Cry Wolf 16 ran ½l, 1½l, ¾l, 3l, 1½l C Hill at Barnstaple. Tote: £9.10; £1.70, £3.90, £1.70, £1.90 DF £73.20. CSF £100.66 Tricast £744.89

5.15 (6f) 1, PRECENTOR (A Munro, 9-2 fav); 2, Nevada Mix (J Carroll, 6-1), 3, Able Jet (S Turner, 12-1) ALSO RAN: 5 Beaumont's Keep (5th), 6 Darakah (6th), 8 Cronk's Courage, 11 Henry Will, 12 Bill Moon (4th), 14 Bessie Surtees, 20 Godscharm, 25 Sentimentality, Vintage Type, Hot Tootsie, Gods Gift. 14 ran Hd, 1½l, sh hd, 1½l, nk. *J Bethell* at Chilton Tote £4.70; £2.20, £2.20, £6.10 DF £14.70 CSF. £29.80 Tricast. £269.81.

Placepot: £166.70.

BOXING

McMillan wise to be wary of Pritchard

By SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

COLIN McMillan, the British featherweight champion, gets another chance tonight to show those who are impressed only by big men that there is more to *boxing than big* talk and big punches.

McMillan, from Barking, the most exciting world title prospect in Britain, defends his title against Kevin Pritchard, of Liverpool, and should keep the crowd at York Hall, Bethnal Green, London, and television viewers enthralled by his boxing. Even if Pritchard, aged 29, is not exactly world-class opposition, having lost 21 of his 47 contests, he is not impressed by McMillan's quick hands and clever footwork. Pritchard believes he has enough experience to expose McMillan as nothing more than a fancy-pants.

Pritchard's manager, Jim McMillan, thinks his man will be able to collar the elusive champion. He has watched McMillan on tape and has a plan which he says he will reveal to Pritchard at the end of each round.

"I hope he doesn't run out of rounds," Jonathan Rendall, Mc*Millan's* adviser, said. McMillan's trainer, Howard Rainey, confident that Pritchard will find it impossible to catch a man who runs rings round his opponents before turning them on their heads, said he had no secret plan "beyond having a cup of tea when it's all over".

McMillan is a thinking boxer, as might be expected of a man with three A-levels. *He will have* adjusted his tactics to the requirements of the night. Pritchard may have been beaten 21 times but McMillan knows that many of those defeats have been at the hands of men like Pat Cowdell, John Feeney, Jean-Marc Renard and Robert Dickie. Despite his failures, Pritchard sprang the surprise of 1990 by knocking out Hugh Forde, the British junior-lightweight champion who, like McMillan, was highly thought of by the experts.

The *effort* of chasing an elusive opponent who gives you nothing but a punch on the nose for your pains could prove too much for Pritchard and leave him bloody and dispirited by the middle rounds, with the referee coming to his aid.

☐ Jeff Fenech, of Australia, has agreed to a return WBC title bout against the junior-light*weight champion*, *Azumah* Nelson, of Ghana, in Melbourne in December. Their first bout, in Las Vegas in June, was controversially judged a draw.

SQUASH RACKETS

Ispa bows to legal pressure

TRISTAN Nancarrow has turned the legal tables on the International Squash Players' *Association (Ispa) and had his* six-month ban reduced to a month (Colin McQuillan writes).

A first-round winner yesterday over Peter Hill, of Singapore, in the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open Championship that was supposed to be his last appearance on the circuit for six months, Nancarrow announced unexpectedly to a post-match press conference that the ban was reduced to one month only.

Ispa acknowledged later that they had bowed to legal pressure from Nancarrow's lawyers and reduced the ban because the punishment was unconstitutionally announced publicly before the player was informed.

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VOLLEYBALL

Tournament to provide an indicator

AN EARLY pointer to the new season will be provided by Liverpool's Best of British tour*nament this weekend which will* feature 16 men's teams and 16 women's (Roddy Mackenzie writes).

Team Mizuno Malory, the English men's champions, and Polonia, the Royal Bank of Scotland English Cup winners last season, have both entered along with Telford, the Scottish Cup winners.

In the women's tournament, Brixton Knights will start as favourites. Five Scottish teams have entered including Adscreen Kyle, the Scottish champions, and Glasgow Powerhouse, runners-up north of the border last season.

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Phenomenal American, who treats every practice session like a Wimbledon final, powers on in search of sixth US Open title

Connors ready for another gruelling encore

Victory salute: Connors savours win over Krickstein

From ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW YORK

JUST in case you did not know. Jimmy Connors is 39 years and two days old today. Yesterday, just for once, he behaved as most middle-aged men *should*. He practised gently for 20 minutes, just to check that the limbs he bullied and cajoled through four hours 40 minutes of the fourth round in beating Aaron Krickstein 3-6, 7-6, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6, would answer the call one more time.

They did. And doubtless they will do again tomorrow in the quarter-final against Paul Haarhuis and, if needs be, twice more over the weekend they call the toughest in tennis. A sixth US Open title? It is about the only encore left for Connors now.

"Nothing would amaze me about Jimmy," said John Lloyd. "I suppose if he won this tournament, that would surprise me. But not really. He defies logic. I mean when a champion like John McEnroe says he can't believe how Connors does it, that's all you need to know" ... or Sugar Ray Leonard, or Joe Montana, or a hundred other pretenders to the role of the American sporting hero that Connors has made his own over the past ten days. All have paid tribute to Connors. Would ask for his autograph if they saw him in the street.

Lloyd has come in late on the Connors story. He wishes it had been a few years earlier because Connors could have taught him something, too. Ask him what and he shakes his head, not knowing where to start. "I mean. If I had 10 per cent of what Jimmy has, I would have been a top 10 player". But he didn't and so he earns a good living playing in the over-35s, coaching and, as he did yesterday in the spectacular setting of the East River Tennis Club, where an overhead competes for space with the Manhattan skyline and a wayward forehand ends up in the Hudson River, joking and smiling his way through the Silver Screen/Viacom international pro-am tennis tournament.

In the afternoon he practised with Connors. He has done so on most days for the past two months since they both competed for Los Angeles in team tennis and became firm friends. With a nice touch of humour, Connors was named Newcomer of the Year, but Lloyd gained a precious insight into the mind and body of a phenomenon.

"His main secret is his practice. He warms up for four or five minutes and then it's down to business. He tries to hit the lines every time. No joking around, no hitting loose shots. He plays every practice session like Wimbledon," Lloyd says. "An hour and a half with Connors is like four hours with anyone else."

But there is more to it than that, more to it than a few skips with a rope which is about the sum of Connors's off-court training. The only weight he lifts is his flourescent racket and yet, having conceded the third set to injury and Krickstein, he was hitting the ball harder than at any time in the fifth set tie-break.

"He is very supple. He hardly does any stretching and he doesn't look that strong. But look at how he rebounds off a shot. When he goes for a wide ball, his limbs are almost rubbery, like a dancer's. His game is very economical. He's 39, but he looks 32." McEnroe would be happy to hear that. At 32, McEnroe is wondering if his body will stand another year, wondering if he really wants to go on.

Above all, says Lloyd, Connors has an absolute total abhorrence of defeat. "We all love to win. But hating to lose is more than that. When he is threatened, he plays better because he just hates to see anyone beat him."

Just ask Krickstein, or perhaps the umpire, David Littlefield, who had to take quite as much abuse as Connors's body or Krickstein's mind. "It would be frightening. He just keeps coming at you. Coming, coming," Lloyd says. "He could go on until he's 43 or 44, you know," he says. "He plans to play a full schedule next year." And he shakes his head again. The superlatives all spent. Like Connors himself.

DRAW FOR THE QUARTER-FINALS

P Haarhuis (Neth) v J Connors (US)
P Sampras (US) v J Courier (US)
M Stich (Ger) v I Lendl (Cz)
J Sánchez (Sp) v S Edberg (Swe)

RESULTS FROM FLUSHING MEADOW

US unless stated; seeded players in capitals

Men's singles

FOURTH ROUND: J Connors bt A Krickstein, 3-6, 7-6, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6; J COURIER bt E SÁNCHEZ (Sp), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

Men's doubles

THIRD ROUND: U RIGLEWSKI and M STICH (Ger) bt J Palmer and J Stark, 6-1, 6-2; R Bethman and R Bergh (Swe) bt J McEnroe and P McEnroe, 7-5, 1-6, 6-3.

Women's singles

FOURTH ROUND: M NAVRATILOVA bt M MALEEVA-FRAGNIÈRE (Switz), 7-6, 1-6, 6-2; A SÁNCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt N Svereva (USSR), 6-3, 7-6; C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt Z GARRISON, 6-4, 6-4; S GRAF (Ger) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 7-5, 6-4.

Women's doubles

THIRD ROUND: L MESKHI (USSR) and M PAZ (Arg) bt A SÁNCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) and H SUKOVA (Cz), 7-6, 6-4; M J FERNANDEZ and Z GARRISON bt S Appelmans (Bel) and C Benjamin, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; P SHRIVER and N ZVEREVA (USSR) bt P FENDICK and L McNEIL, 6-4, 7-5.

Mixed doubles

QUARTER-FINALS: J Durie (GB) and L Warder (Aus) bt J HETHERINGTON and G MICHIBATA (Can), 7-6, 7-6; M Bollegraf and T Nijssen (Neth) bt N PROVIS and T WOODBRIDGE (Aus), 7-6, 6-3; E Reinach and C van Rensburg (SA) bt K Adams and S Cannon, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Surrey establish commanding position

Waqar strikes to capitalise on Bicknell's century

By JOHN WOODCOCK

THE OVAL (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 172 runs behind Surrey

AS A curtain-raiser for the NatWest Trophy final between the same sides on Saturday, Surrey are playing Hampshire in the county championship at the Oval, a match which yesterday gave Darren Bicknell the chance to make an uncommonly good hundred, and Waqar Younis to produce yet another devastating burst of fast bowling.

On one of Harry Brind's grassier, bonier pitches, 17 wickets fell for 345 runs, Surrey recovering from 79 for four to have much the better of the play.

Theoretically they could still win the championship, though for that to happen the three sides above them would all need to run aground. They have had an encouraging season, and Bicknell's batting has had a lot to do with it. Only 24, he is fast becoming an outstanding prospect. The only Englishman to have made more runs this season than Bicknell's 1,766 is Gatting. The only others are a South African, an Indian and an Australian – Cook, Azharuddin and Moody.

Batting yesterday was never easy. Bicknell's height enabled him to handle anything that lifted unexpectedly, and being left-handed was a help in dealing with the direction of Aqib's swing, from off to leg to him.

By the thirtieth over he had lost Alikhan, Thorpe, Ward and Stewart, Thorpe and Ward in the same over from Ayling, caught at gully and slip respectively, and Stewart, propping a catch to silly mid-off. At lunch, Bicknell had made 67 of Surrey's 101 for four.

The hour afterwards was monopolised by Lynch, who was positively Goweresque in the disdain with which he treated the bowling, and the manner of his dismissal, caught at slip driving extravagantly, after making 51 in 74 balls. With Greig being caught at cover and Medlycott at slip off the first two balls of a new spell by Ayling, all that remained was a partnership of 59 for the eighth wicket between Bicknell and Feltham.

Although his figures may not suggest it, Aqib showed what a useful third string he will be to Waqar and Wasim Akram when Pakistan are here next year. All of them will be putting into practice against England what they have learnt from playing English county cricket. Aqib's only wicket now, his fiftieth of the season, was Bicknell's, ninth out after hitting 17 fours, one six, and facing 242 balls.

Left with 27 overs' batting, Hampshire had no reason to think they would have the measure of Waqar. In his only two previous championship matches against them he had taken 19 wickets, and on this pitch, not to mention the fading light, he was soon in full cry.

In his fourth over he had Middleton brilliantly caught low down at second slip. In his fifth, James was leg-before. In his seventh, Terry edged a flier to third slip, and in his ninth, Gower was leg-before to such a much slower ball. As Smith fell to a horribly good ball from Feltham, and Nicholas to an equally vicious one, Bicknell's innings assumed even grander proportions.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Glancing down the leg side: Barnett, the Derbyshire captain, sweeps past Garnham, of Essex, on his way to 99 at Chelmsford yesterday. Report, page 36

Gatting's stirring effort puts his side in command

By JACK BAILEY

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex have scored 334 for five wickets against Nottinghamshire

MIDDLESEX were only two runs short of gaining maximum batting points, but even though every point is precious when you lurk only a breath away from the bottom of the county championship, they will be well pleased with their day's work.

Although Pick's fast medium bowling — he took four for 54 — was the most successful, the pitch, already in its third day of use this season, is taking spin slowly. Middlesex have three spinners in their team and Ramprakash's second century of the summer, Gatting's 91 and Brown's undefeated 81 have set them up nicely.

Brown's worthy innings, coming at the end of a long hot day, has consolidated Middlesex just as required. He has batted beautifully for less than two hours and will be there again today. Yesterday, however, belonged to Gatting and Ramprakash.

The lofty view Middlesex were enjoying during tea taken at the heights of 231 for three, owed almost everything to Gatting's mastery and the determination of Ramprakash.

Ramprakash was in semi-England v West Indies mode, watchful defence being offset by flurries of strokeplay. Having seen both openers, Pooley and Roseberry, fall to Pick with only 40 runs scored, and with Stephenson also bowling well, he decided there was no great hurry.

Gatting showed discomfort from his damaged hand at the beginning of his innings, but once into his stride he made it look as though his chief problem lay in selecting which ball not to hit for four. In this sort of form he is as difficult to bowl at as anyone. Hemmings will vouch for it and so will Crawley.

Hemmings was turning the ball, albeit slowly. Gatting, on the back foot, withdrew to leg, three times piercing the off-side field from balls pitched on the stumps. In moving beyond his half century, the Middlesex captain plundered Hemmings for 15 in an over. One of these blows, a vast straight six into the pavilion was by way of celebration.

Gatting turned his attention to Crawley in mid-afternoon. Crawley, back in the Nottinghamshire side for his first championship match since he broke a thumb on July 19, saw each of the first five balls of the over hit for four and the last blocked with exaggerated care. Not quite enough concern was shown in the next over, bowled by Pick, however, for Gatting failed to get over an on drive and was caught at mid-on.

By the time he was out, Gatting had overtaken Ramprakash who once Gatting got under full sail was content to move in his wake. Later, in company with Brown, Ramprakash continued quietly, reaching his century after making 47 from 40 overs between lunch and tea.

Byas leads Yorkshire from an early state of penury

By PETER BALL

SCARBOROUGH (Yorkshire won toss; first day of four): Yorkshire have scored 359 for four wickets against Lancashire

SCARBOROUGH in early September is still a popular place for a holiday. Yesterday, while the rest of the country was bathed in sunshine, a sea fret and cloud kept the temperature cool and the ball swinging through most of the day, but it made no difference to David Byas and Phil Robinson, who shared a fourth-wicket stand of 233 in 70 overs to rescue Yorkshire from early embarrassments on the first day of the Roses match.

The pair are no strangers to North Marine Road, sharing a stand of 258 against Kent two years ago. Yesterday they came in with their side in some trouble at 18 for three and stilled Lancashire's excitement.

Had Byas been held while he was on one, the day might have turned out differently. A massively solid, reassuring figure, reminiscent of that other left-handed Yorkshire farmer, Vic Wilson, and with Robinson in support, Byas took his side from penury to a dominating position on a pitch which is likely to offer increasing turn.

After some initial hesitation, he was the dominant figure as he reached his fifth first-class century of the season, and his first in the Roses match, hooking and pulling powerfully for his six and 20 fours, but he also revealed a delicate back-foot force through the covers which David Gower might have envied.

Robinson, who scored his maiden Roses century at Scarborough two years ago, is the more naturally belligerent. Byas finally departed, trapped by Martin's well disguised slower ball after a stay of 241 balls but Robinson went on remorselessly against a tiring and below-strength attack, even savaging DeFreitas. Yorkshire's tormentor in the morning, batting for 293 balls and hitting one six and 27 fours in his undefeated 176.

DeFreitas has not always impressed on the county circuit this season, but there was no questioning his effort, his stamina or his hostility yesterday. Not only did he bowl with fire and resource for his two early wickets; he was still finding enough bounce and pace to discomfort both Robinson and Byas when both were past their fifties in mid-afternoon.

Without Wasim, one of six senior players missing with injury, DeFreitas's effort was the more commendable because he had little enough support on a pitch which lacked real pace. Martin had his moments, finding movement throughout the day, and his height extracting bounce, but he is still raw, and suggestions that he might yet sneak on to the plane to New Zealand seem premature.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Harrow: Middlesex 240 (J F Hutchinson 61; M Davies 5-54); Glamorgan 24-1. Derby: Hampshire 242 (R M F Cox 76, R S M Morris 72; S Stoneman 4-35, C J Adams 4-60); Derbyshire 78-3. Colchester: Surrey 208 (C K Bullen 74, D J Bodin 4-71) and 414-5 (A D Brown 207 not out, M A Butcher 101); Essex 237 (A C Richards 56, N M Kendrick 4-82). Horsham: Gloucestershire 375-9 (N J Pringle 198 not out, R Dawson 101; N Phillips 5-102) v Sussex.

TOUR MATCH: Old Hill: Australia Under-19 564-6 dec and 201-3 dec; England Under-18 XI 166 and 350-9 (M Walker 55, R Cunliffe 54). Match drawn.

Future looking bright

YORKSHIRE, who have set themselves the task of leaving county cricket's outhouse for the penthouse they once called their own, have at least left the backyard (Simon Wilde writes). Having recruited a chief executive from Lancashire and an overseas player from Australia, their colts have now given further intimations of a prosperous future by winning the second XI championship.

Four successive wins, culminating in an innings victory over Middlesex at Headingley last Friday, have driven them to an unassailable position at the top of the table going into their final match today. Even if Yorkshire fail to take a point from their last fixture, against Kent at Folkestone, their nearest rivals, Warwickshire, who finish their programme against Northamptonshire at Moseley today, can do no more than draw level on points and would still have fewer wins.

Yorkshire, wooden spoonists last year, have prospered with a settled and balanced side under Neil Hartley. In particular, there have been solid all-round performances from Grayson (574 runs and 30 wickets), White (919 runs and 15 wickets), Pickles (550 runs and 17 wickets) and wicketkeeper Chapman (750 runs).

FIXTURES

Britannic Assurance county championship

10.30, 110 overs minimum

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire.
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Derbyshire.
HOVE: Sussex v Kent.
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Lancashire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Hampshire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Somerset.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Derby: Derbyshire v Hampshire. Folkestone: Kent v Yorkshire. Harrow: Middlesex v Glamorgan. Horsham: Sussex v Gloucestershire. Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire. Moseley: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Yorks v Lancs

SCARBOROUGH *(first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 359 for four wickets against Lancashire*

YORKSHIRE: First innings

*M D Moxon c Hegg b DeFreitas	4
A A Metcalfe c Crawley b DeFreitas	2
D Byas c Lloyd b Martin	120
S A Kellett c Hegg b Martin	7
P E Robinson not out	176
†R J Blakey not out	31
Extras (lb 13, w 1, nb 5)	19
Total (4 wkts)	359

Score after 100 overs: 309-4.
P Carrick, P J Hartley, D Gough, J D Batty and M A Robinson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-7, 3-18, 4-251.
LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, N J Speak, J P Crawley, G D Lloyd, S P Titchard, *M Watkinson, P A J DeFreitas, †W K Hegg, I D Austin, J D Fitton and P J Martin.
Bonus points: Yorkshire 4, Lancashire 1.
Umpires: D O Oslear and B J Meyer.

Worcs v Somerset

WORCESTER *(first day of four; Somerset won toss): Worcestershire have scored 378 for three wickets against Somerset*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings

*T S Curtis not out	135
M J Weston c Burns b Mallender	5
G A Hick lbw b Mallender	11
D A Leatherdale b Mallender	157
†S J Rhodes not out	57
Extras (lb 6, nb 7)	13
Total (3 wkts)	378

Score after 100 overs: 337-3.
S R Lampitt, G R Haynes, R K Illingworth, P J Newport, C M Tolley and N V Radford to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-25, 3-281.
SOMERSET: S J Cook, A N Hayhurst, R J Harden, *C J Tavare, M A Lathwell, †N D Burns, G D Rose, N A Mallender, H R J Trump, D A Graveney and J C Hallett
Bonus points: Worcestershire 4, Somerset 1.
Umpires: J W Holder and R Julian.

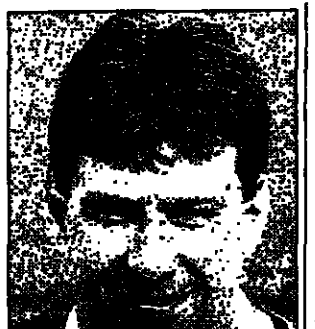
Gloucs v Northants

BRISTOL *(first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 314 for five wickets against Northamptonshire*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings

G D Hodgson b Walker	15
R J Scott c Noon b Walker	11
*A J Wright c Larkins b Capel	42
C W J Athey c Roberts b Capel	54
M W Alleyne not out	108
†R C Russell lbw b Baptiste	12
J W Lloyds not out	52
Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 1, nb 6)	20
Total (5 wkts)	314

Score after 100 overs: 279-5.
D V Lawrence, M C J Ball, D R Gilbert and A M Babington to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-30, 3-123, 4-134, 5-153.
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, W Larkins, R J Bailey, *A J Lamb, D J Capel, N A Stanley, K M Curran, E A E Baptiste, A R Roberts, †W M Noon and A Walker.
Bonus points. Gloucestershire 3, Northamptonshire 2.
Umpires: K J Lyons and D R Shepherd.



Taylor: fourth century in his last six innings

Sussex v Kent

HOVE *(first day of four; Kent won toss): Sussex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 362 runs behind Kent*

KENT: First innings

T R Ward c Greenfield b Salisbury	51
*M R Benson c Moores b Dodemaide	48
N R Taylor lbw b Dodemaide	111
G R Cowdrey c Greenfield b Dodemaide	4
M V Fleming c Hall b Pigott	69
†S A Marsh c Greenfield b Salisbury	19
M A Ealham st Moores b Donelan	26
R M Ellison not out	17
R P Davis lbw b Salisbury	0
T A Merrick c Greenfield b Salisbury	6
M M Patel lbw b Pigott	8
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 1, nb 13)	22
Total	381

Score after 100 overs: 381-9.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-123, 3-139, 4-277, 5-309, 6-321, 7-348, 8-349, 9-356.
BOWLING: Jones 9-0-57-0; Dodemaide 24-4-64-3; Pigott 14.4-0-56-2; C M Wells 12-3-43-0; Donelan 14-3-52-1; Salisbury 27-8-101-4.

SUSSEX: First innings

†P Moores b Merrick	8
J W Hall not out	0
B T P Donelan not out	10
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	19

K Greenfield, A P Wells, *P W G Parker, C M Wells, A I C Dodemaide, A C S Pigott, I D K Salisbury and A N Jones to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-8.
Bonus points: Sussex 4, Kent 4.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and R A White.

Surrey v Hampshire

THE OVAL *(first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand are 172 runs behind Surrey*

SURREY: First innings

D J Bicknell b Aqib	136
R I Alikhan lbw b James	11
G P Thorpe c Smith b Ayling	0
D M Ward c Aymes b Ayling	0
†A J Stewart c Smith b Maru	8
M A Lynch c Terry b Shine	51
*I A Greig c Middleton b Ayling	5
K T Medlycott c Maru b Ayling	0
M A Feltham c Smith b Maru	20
Waqar Younis not out	1
A J Murphy b Maru	0
Extras (b 9, lb 2, w 2, nb 13)	26
Total (80 overs)	258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-48, 3-48, 4-79, 5-177, 6-198, 7-198, 8-257, 9-257.
BOWLING: Shine 14-2-65-1; Aqib Javed 22-5-51-1; James 11-2-37-1; Ayling 13-2-47-4; Maru 20-7-47-3.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings

V P Terry c D J Bicknell b Waqar	30
T C Middleton c Lynch b Waqar	6
K D James lbw b Waqar	1
R A Smith b Feltham	12
D I Gower lbw b Waqar	7
*M C J Nicholas c Lynch b Feltham	4
J R Ayling not out	10
†A N Aymes c Stewart b Feltham	9
R J Maru not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 2)	7
Total (7 wkts, 26.1 overs)	86

Aqib Javed and K J Shine to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-33, 3-48, 4-56, 5-60, 6-68, 7-86.
Bonus points: Surrey 6, Hampshire 4.
Umpires: J H Harris and R C Tolchard.

Notts v Middlesex

TRENT BRIDGE *(first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex have scored 334 for five wickets against Nottinghamshire*

MIDDLESEX: First innings

M A Roseberry b Pick	9
J C Pooley c French b Pick	2
M R Ramprakash c Randall b Hemmings	110
*M W Gatting c Afford b Pick	91
K R Brown not out	81
P N Weekes c French b Pick	31
J E Emburey not out	2
Extras (b 5, lb 2, nb 1)	8
Total (5 wkts)	334

†P Farbrace, P C R Tufnell, N F Williams and N G Cowans to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-40, 3-195, 4-244, 5-327.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: B C Broad, P R Pollard, *R T Robinson, D W Randall, P Johnson, M A Crawley, F D Stephenson, †B N French, E E Hemmings, R A Pick and J A Afford.
Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 2, Middlesex 4.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and H D Bird.

Walker entry

Chris Walker, cycling's Milk Race winner, heads the field for *the Westminster grand prix*, a 50-lap race in the centre of London, on September 22.

Cowie move

Wigan, the rugby league club, has signed Neil Cowie, the Rochdale Hornets forward, aged 23, with the fee likely to be decided by tribunal. Cowie, who rejected a new contract at Rochdale, is valued at £200,000 by the second division club.

Leatherdale finds the right time to mature

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

DAVID Leatherdale, one of the young players who can look forward to a regular place in the Worcestershire team as a result of the end-of-season exodus from New Road, made his first championship century yesterday, against Somerset. And a rousing affair it was.

Leatherdale, aged 23, whose two previous outings this season were against Oxford University and the Sri Lankans, scored 157 of the 256 added for the third wicket with the new captain, Tim Curtis, in just under four hours and hit four sixes and 22 fours, playing with a certainty that seemed to signify his apprentice years were at an end.

Curtis, who plodded on at his own pace and batted throughout the day for his unbeaten 135, was also outscored by his fourth partner, Steven Rhodes, with whom he carried the score to a healthy 378 for three.

Having previously released Ian Botham to join Durham, Worcestershire have also decided to dispense with the services of opening batsmen Paul Bent and Gordon Lord, neither of whom was able to become a reliable partner for Curtis. With Graham Dilley being offered a contract the county feels able to release Steve McEwan, a quick bowler who should have no trouble finding a new county.

When Mark Alleyne scored 256 against Northamptonshire around this time last year, many thought it would prove a breakthrough for the young Gloucestershire batsman. But although he has held a regular place this season a century had proved beyond him, until yesterday, when he again showed his fondness for Northamptonshire bowling. His three-hour hundred, with 16 fours, enabled Gloucestershire to rally from 153 for five to 314 for five at Bristol. Lloyds has made 52 of an unbroken partnership of 161.

No batsman is enjoying a richer vein of form than Neil Taylor, of Kent. His 111 in a total of 381 against Sussex at Hove was his fourth century in his last six innings and his sixth of the season. He hit a six and 14 fours in 205 minutes.

☐ The match between a West Indies XI and a Rest of the World XI at Scarborough last week has been confirmed as first-class by the Test and County Cricket Board.

Barlow not to complete his contract

EDDIE Barlow is to leave Gloucestershire at the end of the season with 12 months of his three-year contract as senior coach remaining, because of pressure of business at his vineyard in the Orange Free State (Martin Searby writes).

The former South African Test batsman said he was "bitterly disappointed" to be unable to finish the job of rebuilding the county team. "We pulled through a difficult time last year and some fine young players are being brought on," Barlow said. "It is a very sad day for me ... but while no one is happy about it, there is no bad blood."

Qadir ruled out for three months

ABDUL Qadir, the Pakistan Test leg spinner, is to undergo surgery for a ruptured Achilles tendon suffered during an exhibition game between a Pakistan XI and an Indian XI at Uxbridge on Sunday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Bowling the second delivery of his first over to the Indian all-rounder, Ravi Shastri, Qadir fell awkwardly in his follow-through. He was carried off the field and was rushed to St Thomas's hospital, where his right leg was put in plaster. He is not expected to play again for at least three months. The match was drawn.

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Tottenham omit unlucky Thorstvedt

Austrians may not be able to contain Lineker and Durie

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GARY Lineker and Gordon Durie, the most prolific partnership in the first division, should tonight ensure that Tottenham Hotspur go through to the first round of the European Cup Winners' Cup. There, they are scheduled to meet Hajduk Split, with the away leg being staged not in Yugoslavia but on neutral territory.

Tottenham's opponents in the preliminary round also conceded home advantage, albeit voluntarily, to profit from larger gate receipts. Sparkasse Stockerau used the Wiener stadium, which is almost ten times bigger than their own ground, but they inadvertently provided more room for Lineker and Durie to exploit as Tottenham won the first leg 1-0.

The scorers of nine of Tottenham's ten goals in competitive fixtures this season, they combined a fortnight ago to provide the club with a narrow but probably decisive advantage. Lineker, who created the winner for Durie in the first half, might have put the outcome beyond reasonable doubt in the second.

Their movement, which has bemused the defences of Southampton and Nottingham Forest, was too rapid and sophisticated for the Austrian second division side containing only three professionals. In spite of operating with a sweeper, Stockerau could not cope with the speed and variety of Tottenham's counter-attacks.

Allen is unable to play his part in stretching Stockerau on the right flank. He has yet to recover fully from the thigh strain that kept him out of the victory at Norwich City on Saturday. Nor has Thorstvedt been able to reclaim his place in goal. Although he distinguished himself, and preserved Tottenham's lead, by saving a penalty in the first leg, he has become a victim of Uefa's rule governing foreigners. Only four can be selected, and Bergsson, Nayim and Van den Hauwe, as well as Durie, have been chosen ahead of him.

Walker, the understudy to Thorstvedt, is English and has been chosen instead. Hendry has also been sacrificed. A forward from Scotland who was taken on the trip to Vienna, he has been told that he will not even be kept in reserve at White Hart Lane.

Peter Shreeves, the manager, promises that his side will take a more adventurous approach. The line-up last month, featuring Howells as a central defender and Stewart in a deep midfield role, was designed along excessively cautious lines. Nevertheless, Tottenham were occasionally startled by the incisive runs of the Sparkasse Stockerau forwards.

Marko, a plumber, so unnerved Fenwick that the right back eventually resorted to illegitimate tactics and was booked. Waliczek, a professional from Poland, was no less dangerous in a central role, and more than once he beat Howells, in particular, for pace.

While Tottenham should be wary of Stockerau's potential infiltrators, they must prompt their own. Lineker and Durie will require more substantial support than was offered in Vienna if they are to confirm their growing reputation as one of the most productive pairs in the country.

Platini intends to go on the attack

MICHEL Platini, the coach of France, has opted for at attacking side for their crucial European championship qualifying match against Czechoslovakia in Bratislava tonight.

Platini had been expected to name Jean-Pierre Papin as the sole forward in the absence of Eric Cantona and Amara Simba, who are both injured. Instead, he has chosen the wingers, Christophe Cocard and Pascal Vahirua, to play alongside Papin. Victory will virtually ensure France's qualification for next year's finals in Sweden.

☐ Derby County could have Peter Shilton back in goal for their home game against managerless Blackburn Rovers. Shilton missed the 2-0 victory against Charlton on Sunday with a thigh strain.

☐ The third division match between Preston North End and West Bromwich Albion on October 5 has been postponed. It clashes with the Conservative party conference in Blackpool, and police say they are unable to cover both events.

☐ England will bid to host the European youth championship finals next summer if they qualify.

☐ The under-21 international match between Wales and Australia at Llanelli next Tuesday has been called off. Australia cancelled their European tour for financial reasons.

No quarter given: Hostetler, the Giants play-maker, is sacked by Greg Cox and Dave Waymer, of the 49ers, in the game on Monday

Giants get a kick out of Bahr

SIMON BARNES IN NEW YORK

WHAT is the worst job in sport? This is one of the great bar-room coversations. *Domestique* in the Tour de France? *Daughter of a tennis* parent? Swimming the Channel? Offensive lineman at American football? After watching the first showcase Monday night game of the National Football League season, I begin to think that the worst job actually belongs to an NFL kicker.

So many times the biggest of big games are not decided by the biggest of big men. They are decided by a slight, lonely figure who wears a different kind of helmet from the rest of the team, and who has little to do with them.

The game on Monday was as big as a regular-season game gets. The San Francisco 49ers went to New Jersey to play the New York Giants. These two teams have won four of the last five Super Bowls between them.

The Giants have a new coach, Ray Handley, and a new starting quarterback, the understudy, Jeff Hostetler, having taken over from Phil Simms. The 49ers started with their understudy quaterback, Steve Young, because Joe Montana, the nonpareil, was injured. The match was supposed to come down to the question of which defense would get on top of which quarterback.

But instead, the outcome of the game was the responsibility of Matt Bahr, a slight fellow with a single bar on his helmet. It was the same when the Giants and the 49ers met last time. That was the NFC championship game, the semi-final, if you like. The Giants won 15-13, and Matt Bahr kicked all 15 points, the last one a make-or-break effort in the last minute.

This time, the Giants trailed by one point going into the final few minutes. Hostetler began a drive deep in his own *territory. You could almost* see a thinks bubble rising over Bahr's head: "Oh *God*, it's *going to be bloody me* again." Bahr confessed that in this situation he was always "rooting *for the touchdown*". Anything to save facing the moment when his private, enclosed skill would decide the outcome of what 40-or-so other men had, quite literally, fought for.

"I don't think you ever get used to the pressure," he said. "I was hoping we would score a touchdown and remove all doubt."

Bahr had already scored two field goals and kicked an extra point. But that is the way in sport, they always ask you for one more try. You ask Jimmy Connors. "You're aware of the situation," Bahr said. "But you're trying to put that out of your mind. It's nervous excitement on all kicks. They're all the same."

Always the same, and always an ordeal. The Giants *won the last Super Bowl* because the opposition kicker missed a last-second field goal. This time, the stakes were almost as high for Bahr: perhaps the rest of the season hung on it. Now, the new coach and his new quarterback go on into the 15 remaining games with a spring in their step. For Bahr kicked his field goal, bisecting the posts as if it were a practice kick. It went over from 35 yards with five second remaining on the clock, and a tight and enthralling game was won.

I am not making any guesses about championships and Super Bowls. Both teams looked rusty and a little out of sorts. This is odd in a game with so much organisation and so much preparation time for so few games, but that is the way.

It is the American way. Two of the key offensive linemen had not prepared with the team at all. They were negotiating contracts until the last *minute. This lack of cohesion* more or less wiped out the Giants' running game. Another hold-out, Dave Meggett, made a crucial catch on a play he had only practiced once. It is nice to know that this, the slickest of all games, is not immune from muddle and make-do.

But the Giants, a team of gorillas, gazelles, rampaging carnivores and bazooka-armed play-makers, can sleep happy, all because one slightly-built fellow can kick straight.

SCORES

San Francisco 49ers	7	0	0	7	— 14
New York Giants	3	10	0	3	— 16

First quarter: Giants: M Bahr, 35yd field goal, 8min 14sec elapsed. 49ers: J Rice, 73yd pass from S Young (M Cofer kick). 12:16. Second quarter: Giants: O Anderson, 1yd run (Bahr kick), 4:55; Bahr, 28yd field goal, 15:00. Fourth quarter: 49ers: Young, 5yd run (Cofer kick), 1:23; Giants: Bahr, 35yd field goal, 14:55.

RUGBY UNION

Soviets leave it late

CLOB	6
Soviet Union XV	16

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Soviet Union may be fragmenting but their rugby team came together at Croxley Green last night — though not without travail. Their second-half resurgence earned victory over the Combined London Old Boys by two goals and a try to two penalty goals but what was largely a second team indicated nothing likely to trouble England in Saturday's international at Twickenham.

The brighter approach, as befits a collection of players who do their best not to take the game too seriously, came from CLOB. The last time they encountered a national side, in Tunisia last year, was a somewhat grim occasion but here Pugh, their stand-off half was determined to take advantage of the good work of a pack which included a distinguished front row of an artistic director, an employee of Christie's and a representative of Telerate, the match sponsors who distribute financial information.

The visitors preferred to develop forward drives assisted by the work of Sergeev at the lineout.

SCORERS: CLOB: Penalties, Pugh (2). USSR: Tries: Kuperman (2), Romanov. Conversions: Kovalenko (2).

CLOB: P Ashworth (Alleynians), N Dickins (Gaytonians), K Cook (Blues), P Meesah (Millhillians), A Maxwell (Blues); C Pugh (Edwardians; rep, C Holder, Mid-Whitgiftians)), J Jenner (Juddians); E Dolman (Alleynians), J MacPherson (Alleynians), J Simpson (Blues, captain), J Hammond ((Mid-Whitgiftians), R Biddell (Blues), A Grant (Colfeians), D Tutt (Mid-Whitgiftians), K Morgan (Alleynians).

USSR XV: A Zakarluk; V Voropaev, S Romanov, V Sorokin (rep, Y Nikolaev), I Kuperman (captain); A Kovalenko, A Primachenko; R Bikbov, R Malikov, E Kabylkin, V Nagodin (rep, A Tikhonov), S Sergeev, V Zykov, A Vallattschikov, A Ogryzkov.

Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).

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Platt sticks up for Gascoigne

By CLIVE WHITE

ON THE morning after his successful baptism in the Italian league, David Platt spared a thought for the man who should have been sharing the spotlight with him — Paul Gascoigne, his England colleague, whose own debut with Lazio has been put on hold for a year while he endeavours to recover from injury.

One can only surmise how their respective debuts would have differed. Platt's performance in Bari's 1-1 draw at home to Torino, in which he scored from a penalty, was full of the sort of all-round qualities we have come to expect of him, even if his game may not have touched the heights.

One could imagine Gascoigne making a more explosive entry, possibly of the wrong kind. While many critics express doubts about the suitability of Gascoigne's temperament for something as fractious as the Italian league, Platt warned against any attempt to change his England colleague.

"People should accept him for what he is," Platt said. "A player can get motivated by different things. I don't think you should be any different off the pitch than you are on it. You might take something away from him if you try and stop him from doing what he does.

"*Sei quella che sei* — you are what you are." It is one of Platt's favourite Italian sayings.

He might say the same about himself. A section of the Italian press clearly expected something extra from Platt on Sunday, which comes, no doubt from being bought for £5.5 million. "The David Platt who plays for England wasn't the same David Platt who was playing here," an Italian journalist said.

Hopefully, Vincenzo Matarrese, the club president, and the Bari public will show greater patience, and be more respectful of those qualities that Platt did show, such as honesty, intelligence and character. After all, Matarrese is looking to Platt to be his leader and inspirational force. Platt would appear to be well equipped on both counts.

Platt should draw comfort from one recent remark of Matarrese. "We are not like northern Italians, demanding an unconditional return on our money," he said. "We are warm, forgiving people, who are good to players even when things go wrong."

Platt is all the more convinced that he will improve as a player in Italy as times goes on. "Italian teams make it very difficult to find room. They get men behind the ball so quickly," he said, which makes it all the more imperative then that Platt strikes up a better understanding with Daniele Fortunato, the midfield player whom Bari signed from Juventus, so they *profit better from those midfield* runs of Platt.

Prosinecki leads Real to successful start

RADDY Antic, once a player at Luton Town but now in charge of Real Madrid, enjoyed a winning start to the Spanish season with to a 1-0 weekend success at Cádiz (Louise Taylor writes). Robert Prosinecki, imported from the European Cup winners, Red Star Belgrade, repaid a *slice of his* transfer fee inspired the victory.

Real Sociedad, now without John Aldridge, Dalian Atkinson and Kevin Richardson, who are all back in England, succumbed *2-0 to* **Barcelona**, the Spanish champions.

The British connection was also alive in The Netherlands, where John Clayton, aged 30, a Scot who has played for Derby County, Chesterfield, Tranmere Rovers and Plymouth Argyle, *scored twice as* **Volendam** *won* 5-1 at Roda JC Kerkrade.

Bobby Robson's **PSV Eindhoven**, who took the title last season, head the table after their 3-1 success against Sparta **Rotterdam**, *which featured a* goal from Gheorghe Popescu, the Romanian international sweeper.

Robson: back on top

In Italy, all the talk was of the 3-2 defeat suffered by **Sampdoria**, the champions, at **Cagliari**, but the start of the season was marked by crowd violence, leading Ruud Gullit, the **AC Milan** midfield player, to call for a one-day strike should such behaviour be repeated.

Four **Roma** supporters were sent to prison for 16 months for fighting with rival supporters at **Verona** *and there* were also disturbing incidents reported from Turin and Genoa.

Despite having Daniel Hoffman, their 19-year-old goalkeeper, dismissed 11 minutes from time, **Hansa Rostock** *clung* on to a 2-2 draw with **Bayer Leverkusen** in the Bundesliga, a result which gave the the former east German club league leadership in place of **Eintracht Frankfurt**, who lost *2-1 at Hamburg*.

HOCKEY

Faulkner notches up eight

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

DAVID Faulkner and Jon Potter *continue a long-running* story as they take their place in the Great Britain squad for the Champions Trophy in Berlin starting on September 13.

Faulkner has played in seven of these events, starting in 1984, and Potter in six, having missed the 1987 tournament in Amsterdam.

The squad of 16 contains 11 players who took part in the *tournament last November in* Melbourne, where Britain were last of the 16. The five missing from Melbourne are Bolland, Batchelor, Kerly, Davis and Nicklin.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD (England unless stated): S Rowlands (Havant), D Luckes (E Grinstead), D Faulkner (Havant), P Bolland (Hounslow), S Martin (N Ire), J Potter (Hounslow), J Laslett (Teddington), R Davis (St Albans), S Batchelor (E Grinstead), R Garcia (Havant), J Shaw (Southgate), R Thompson (Hounslow), S Kerly (Southgate), R Clift (E Grinstead, captain), S Nicklin (Slough), D Williams (Havant)

PROGRAMME: September: Sept 14: v Soviet Union (5pm). Sept 16: v Netherlands (7pm) Sept 17: v Australia (7pm). Sept 19: v Germany (2pm) Sept 21: v Pakistan (7pm)

GOLF

Walker Cup crowds give challengers the jitters

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN DUBLIN

PHIL Mickelson, whose success in the Tucson Open in January was only the second by an amateur on the US PGA Tour since 1954, has been made aware that helping the United States try to win back the Walker Cup might be a more formidable task.

For the first time in its 69-year history, the match is a sell-out and Great Britain and Ireland will have a groundswell of support from the 13,000 spectators who walk the fairways of *the Portmarnock course here* tomorrow and Friday. James R Gabrielson, the United States captain, said: "I've told all my players that they might have heard some things they might not like to hear.

"I've told them they should turn anything they may hear around so they use it to their advantage.

"I don't expect any unpleasantness. It's just that there's going to be an overwhelming number of people watching with most of the *support concentrated towards* our opponents. And I've made it clear to the players that we have a different scene than has been the case at any previous cup match. I won't be sure until it happens whether they are mentally ready for the crowds."

Great Britain and Ireland will be seeking a successful defence for the first time. They regained the Walker Cup in 1989 in Atlanta after 18 years. It was their first win on American soil.

George Macgregor, a member of the winning 1971 team when he beat Gabrielson in the singles, is the Great Britain and Ireland captain. "I don't think we fear any one member of their team or anything for that matter," Macgregor said. "Phil Mickelson is the man of the moment. But the attitude of my team is very professional.

"If the match gets into a tight corner, with so many people watching, then I've told my players that our opponents will be feeling it. If there is any advantage to be gained out of the crowd, then we will hope to take it."

Bradley sets record

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois (AP) — Pat Bradley yesterday set a 54-hole LPGA record with a 19-under-par 197 as she earned the 28th victory of her career, the Rail Charity Classic.

She missed going 20-under on the 18th when her putt of about 17 feet died a foot from the hole.

Laura Davies finished with a 12-under 204. She had led by five-shots after the first round.

FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 197: P Bradley, 67, 65, 65. 203: D Ammaccapane, 69, 68, 66. 204: *M Mallon*, 68, 69, 67; L Davies (GB), 62, 70, 72. 205: A Miller, 71, 70, 64; *D Mochrie*, 68, 68, 69. 206: M Mackall, 68, 69, 69. 207: A Ritzman, 69, 68, 70; L Kean, 68, 69, 70. 208: B Bunkowsky, 72, 68, 68. Other British scores: 215: C Pierce (GB), 74, 71, 70. 218: P Wright, 70, 73, 73. 218: K Davies, 72, 73, 73.

YACHTING

Smith puts his crew together

By BARRY PICKTHALL

LAWRIE Smith yesterday *launched into a late campaign* for a medal in the Soling keelboat class at next year's Olympics in Barcelona. The Briton, who was pipped to the bronze medal in the same class at the *Seoul Games three years* ago, has teamed up with Ossie Stewart, who will act as bowman.

A decision has still to be made on who will join them as *mainsheet hand. Smith's first* choice, if work commitments permit, is Rob Cruikshank who raced aboard Juno during this year's Admiral's Cup.

☐ Phil King and Kevin Driver had their second victory in the Merlin Rocket championship at Abersoch yesterday, making most of the light sea breeze to finish ahead of Mike Lennon and Paul Brotherton.

RESULTS: *Third race*: 1, P King and K Driver (Bristol Corinthians); 2, M Lennon and P Brotherton (Conniston SC), 3, *M Calvert* and D Luce (Burton SC); 4, J Bell and S Girven (Hampton SC; 5, M Knott and Sarah Peck (Ranelagh SC).

IN BRIEF

Relay men on show

Britain's gold medal-winning 4 x 400 metres quartet at the world athletics championships will be in individual action in the McVitie's Challenge contest at Sheffield on Sunday, September 15.

Roger Black and Derek Redmond will contest the 400 metres, Kriss Akabusi takes on Danny Harris in the 400 metres hurdles and John Regis is running over 300 metres.

☐ Xinmei Sui, the Chinese woman shot-putter stripped of the gold medal she won in the World Student Games in Sheffield after failing a drugs test, can expect a two-year ban, not four. Her offence occurred before the penalty period was doubled.

SNOOKER: Joe Johnson, the 1986 world champion, who suffered a heart attack in June, is to resume playing. He will be in the fourth round of the Dubai Duty Free Classic at Stoke-on-Trent on September 16 and 17.

BADMINTON: Morten Frost, who announced his retirement from full-time competition in May after injury, appears in the Wimbledon Open tomorrow and the Scottish Open in Glasgow in November.

BOWLS: Ashbourne Homes plc is to sponsor the national mixed pairs championship next year in a £10,000 sponsorship deal with the EBA.

GOLF: Paul Mayo won the Welsh professional championship, sponsored by Casey Celuform, for the second successive year at Fairwood Park, Swansea, yesterday. A 36-hole total of 138, six under par, gave him a two-stroke victory over Kim Dabson.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 1, Queen's Park Rangers 2; Luton Town 0, Arsenal 1. West Ham 1, Swindon 5; Reading 1, Southampton 5.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: *Second division*: Grimsby 1, Leicester City 3.

FA CHALLENGE CUP: Preliminary round Replays: Curzon Ashton 4, Irlam Town 1; Welton Rovers 1, Melksham Town 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division. Nuneaton Borough 5, Alvechurch 2.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division Emley 0, Horwich 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division Mangotsfield United 1, Taunton Town 1. Plymouth Argyle 3, Saltash United 0

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Barnet 2, Wycombe 3

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: CONCACAF Zone: Group A: Surinam 1, Mexico 1.

GOLF

US PGA MONEY-WINNERS: (US unless stated) 1, C Pavin, $874,996; 2, T Purtzer, $691,696; 3, S Pate, $668,797; 4, M Brooks, $619,167; 5, L Wadkins, $615,495; 6, D Love, $583,891; 7, I Baker-Finch (Aus), $571,513; 8, R Mediate, $549,762; 9, F Couples, $548,683; 10, B Andrade, $543,769; 11, I Woosnam (GB), *$485,023*; *12, J D Blake, $484,394*

ENGLISH BOYS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Kent 3, Dorset 6 (Kent names first): Foursomes: P Easto and F McGuirk lost to I Parson and S Meakin, 5 and 3, A Roberts and J Marshall bt M Searle and A Elwick, 2 and 1; R Groves and D Rickett lost to M Higley and D Miles, 3 and 1. Singles: Easto lost to Searle, 2 and 1, *Marshall* bt Elwick, 4 and 3, Roberts bt R Norris, 5 and 3. McGuirk lost to Miles, 4 and 3; Groves lost to Meakin, 1 down; Rickett lost to Higley, 5 and 4. Nottinghamshire 6, Yorkshire 3 (Notts names first) Foursomes: L Westwood and M Foster bt I Pyman and S Cage, 4 and 2, P Langford and M Coulson bt N Robinson and C Denham, 5 and 4; J Fores and D Lucas bt S Hurd and A Gay, one hole. Singles: Westwood lost to Pyman one *down; Foster bt Hurd, one up*, Langford lost to Robinson, 3 and 2; Coulson bt J Healey, one up. Lucas bt Denham, 2 and 1. Fours lost to Cage 5 and 4. Nottinghamshire 6 Yorkshire 3

Kent 2½ Yorkshire 6½: (Kent names first) Foursomes: A Roberts and J Marshall lost to I Pyman and S Cage, 2 and 1, P Easto and F McGuirk halved with A Gay and S Hurd; R Groves and D Rickett halved with N Robinson and C Denham. Singles: Roberts lost to Pyman, 3 and 2; Marshall lost to Hurd 3 and 2, Easto bt Robinson, one hole; Groves halved with Gay. S Pigott lost to J Healey 2 down, McGuirk lost to Cage, 2 down. Dorset 2, Nottinghamshire 7: (Dorset names first) Foursomes: M Searle and R Norris lost to L Westwood and M Foster, 3 and 2; I Parson and S Meakin halved with J Fores and *D Lucas, M Higley and D Miles halved* with P Langford and M Coulson. Singles: A Elwick lost to Westwood, 7 and 6; Searle lost to Fores, 4 and 3; Parson lost to R Overton, 5 and 4, Miles bt Coulson, 7 and 6, Meakin lost to Langford 2 and 1; Higley lost to Foster, 5 and 3

FAIRWOOD PARK, Swansea: CASEY Celuform Welsh professional championship: Final scores: 138: P Mayo (Big Batteries), 69, 69 140: K Dabson (Unattached), 70, 70. 141, A Griffiths (Llanymynech), 70, 71, D Llewellyn (Purley Chase), 70, 71; J Peters (Southerndown), 70, 71; C Defoy (Coombe Hill), 69, 72. 142: L Farmer (West Middlesex), 73, 69; P Affleck (Target Express Parcels), 72, 70; R Price (Leominster), 72, 70 143: P Price (St Mary's), 69, 74, T Morgan (Twickenham Park), 72, 71, D Read (Chipping Sodbury), 69, 74. 144: C Evans (Princes), 72, 72

ICE HOCKEY

CANADA CUP: Finland 1, Czechoslovakia 0; Sweden 3, Soviet Union 2; Canada 6, United States 3

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Police Athletic Association shooting championships: Full bore rifle (short range): 1, B Cambray (Devon and Cornwall), 98; 2, P West (Gloucestershire), 97; 3, P Johnson (Leicestershire), 97 (on count out). Team: Devon and Cornwall, 285. Standard pistol: 1, R Duckworth *(West Yorkshire)*, 550; 2, *M Barnes (West Midlands)*, 547; 3, S Piper (West Yorkshire), 539; 4, J Tollan (Strathclyde), 536. Team: West Yorkshire, 2,138

BOWLS

PONTYPRIDD: Welsh Women's National Championships: Semi-finals: Two-wood singles: D Cooper (Gilfach) bt P Dando (Llantrisant) 17-6. Pairs: P John, G Miles (Sophia Gardens, *Cardiff*) bt *B Mills, B Morgan (Llandrindod)*, 29-12. Fours: Gilfach (R Jones) bt Pontypool (J Watts), 32-9; Barry Plastics (A Dainton) bt Parc Synon (M Dunning), 21-14

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Colchester: Surrey 208 (C K Bullen 74, D J Bodin 4-73); Essex 150-5.

OLD HILL: Tour match: Second day: Australians Under-19 584 for 6 dec (A Gilchrist 200, G Hayne 183, D Martyn 85) and 201 for 3. England Under-18 XI 166 (M Walker 54).

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE LEAGUE: First division: Wolves 51, Oxford 39.

KO CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Reading 46, Cradley Heath 43.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Rochdale 18, Carlisle 18

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Llanharan 14, Cardiff 10; Neath 31, Glamorgan Wanderers 20; Grangemouth 30, Edinburgh Borderers 30.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Japan 32, Hong Kong 6.

OTHER MATCH: Edinburgh Under-21 38, Edinburgh District Union 8.

SQUASH RACKETS

CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG OPEN: First round: J Khan (Pak) bt C Rowland (Aus), 7-15, 15-10, 15-9, 15-6; S Halstone (SA) bt P Coll (HK), 15-8, 15-5, 15-6; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt P Hill (Sing), 15-11, 15-8, 17-15; A Adamaga (Aus) bt S Meads (Eng), 15-8, 15-13, 15-6; C Dittmar (Aus) bt M Carlyon (Aus), 15-8, 15-8, 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt J Nicolle (Eng), 15-12, 15-9, 15-14; B Martin (Aus) bt H Wiens (Ger), 15-12, 15-7, 15-5; D Harris (Eng) bt A Schreiber (Aus), 11-15, 15-6, 15-10, 15-5.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

European Cup Winners' Cup
Preliminary round

Odense v Galway Utd
Tottenham v Sparkasse Stockerau (7.45)

Barclays League
First division

Aston Villa v Crystal Palace
Luton v Southampton (7.45)
Manchester City v Nottm Forest (7.45)
QPR v West Ham (7.45)

Second division

Bristol C v Bristol R (7.45)
Derby v Blackburn (7.45)
Leicester v Grimsby (7.45)
Millwall v Brighton (7.45)
Newcastle v Plymouth
Oxford Utd v Middlesbrough

Third division

Exeter v Torquay
Huddersfield v Chester
Stoke v Shrewsbury

Fourth division

Hereford v Gillingham
Lincoln v Barnet (7.45)
Maidstone v Cardiff (8.00)

GM Vauxhall Conference

Welling v Wycombe

Bob Lord Trophy
First round, first leg

Cheltenham v Kidderminster
Gateshead v Witton

SKOL CUP
Fourth round

Hearts v Rangers

FA CUP: Preliminary round replays: *Hebburn v Darwen, Wednesfield v* Irthlingborough D; Potton v Letchworth GC. Feltham and Hounslow B v Burnham. Eastbourne v Faversham; Portfield v Bracknell; Lymington AFC v Totton AFC

DIADORA FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Southwick v Eastbourne. Third division: Royston v Tilbury.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Morecambe; Bishop Auckland v Whitley Bay. First division: Alfreton v Worksop; Caernarfon v Winsford Utd, Congleton v Newtown, Farsley Celtic v Eastwood Town; Lancaster City v Workington.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Dartford; Corby v Worcester; VS Rugby v Burton, Wealdstone v Trowbridge (7.45)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Rotherham (7.00), Bradford v Manchester Utd, Coventry v Sunderland (7.00); Liverpool v Sheffield Wed (7.00).

LOMBARD ULSTER CUP: Semi-final: Glentoran v Crusaders (at Catterick Park).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiverton v Ottery St Mary

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic v Brightlingsea, Cornard v Halstead; Thetford v Gorleston.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Peterlee Newtown, Brandon v Whitby, Consett v Newcastle Blue Star; Guisborough v Seaham Red Star; Shildon v South Bank

RUGBY UNION

International match

Wales v France (at Cardiff Arms Park, 8.00)

CLUB MATCHES: Maesteg v Ebbw Vale (7.15); Merthyr v Pontypridd (7.15); Met Police v Wasps, Northampton v Richmond; *Sale v Moseley (7.15).*

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: County matches: Bedfordshire v Leicestershire (at Flitwick); Middlesex v Norfolk (at Bush Hill Park); Monmouthshire v Gloucestershire (at Ebbw Vale), Yorkshire v Huntingdonshire (at Northallerton).

GOLF: British women's home internationals (Aberdovey)

HANG GLIDING: Bleriot Cup (Yorkshire Dales).

POLO: Guards Autumn Tournament (Guards, Windsor).

SWIMMING: European Masters Championships (Coventry).

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Forest manager names an unchanged team

Clough not able to find place for £1.5m Black

By Louise Taylor

HE MAY have cost £1.5 million, but Kingsley Black will have to bide his time before making a first appearance for Nottingham Forest, the football club he joined from Luton Town last week.

The winger does not start at Manchester City tonight because Brian Clough, the Forest manager, prefers to keep faith in the side which beat Oldham Athletic 3-1 on Saturday.

But Black should not be perturbed by the delay. After his £1 million arrival at Forest, Trevor Francis found himself initially making tea rather than leading the attack, while John Sheridan never discovered a route out of the reserves.

Clough said yesterday: "I am 56 and generally thought by a lot of people to be past it. But I manage to retain one thing in life, and that is my loyalty.

"The players who figured in the Oldham match deserve to stay in the side, each and every one of them. No matter who I had signed at the weekend they would not have got into our side at Maine Road." Black's best hope tonight is a place on the bench, but even that is unlikely.

Already floundering at the foot of the table, Luton are at home to Southampton, who hope to include Barry Horne, the victim of an elbow in the face which cost him two front teeth, during their 1-1 draw with Aston Villa at The Dell last Saturday. But an ankle injury dictates that Iain Dowie, once a Luton forward, is unlikely to be fit in time to face his former colleagues.

As Tottenham Hotspur continue their Cup Winners' Cup adventure, Tony Parks, a European hero for the White Hart Lane side in 1984, continues his first-division rehabilitation with West Ham United at Queen's Park Rangers.

On a two-month trial at Upton Park, Parks is the understudy for Ludek Miklosko, who is on international duty for Czechoslovakia against France. In outfield positions, West Ham are still without the injured Martin Allen, but could welcome Trevor Morley back for his first appearance of the season.

Dalian Atkinson, Aston Villa's record £1.6 million signing, is again absent when Crystal Palace visit Villa Park. The former Real Sociedad forward scored on his debut at Sheffield Wednesday on the opening day of the season, only returning to the team for the 1-1 draw at Southampton on Saturday.

However, he now has a recurrence of the hamstring injury which had sidelined him in the interim, and his place is taken by Gary Penrice, bought from Watford for £1 million last season, who scored his first goal for Villa in their recent victory against Arsenal.

Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, said yesterday: "It is frustrating that Dalian has not played a home game. Having worked with him at Sheffield Wednesday, I know he has pace like Tony Daley and I am sure the supporters would love to see them playing together."

Defeat by Brighton in the semi-finals of the second-division promotion play-offs last season left Bruce Rioch, the Millwall manager "devastated", so much so that he was unable to speak to anyone about it for days afterwards. But there is always another season — with its attendant opportunities for revenge — to look forward to.

With Brighton having lost to Notts County in the play-off final at Wembley, Millwall have an early chance to exact retribution when Barry Lloyd's team visit The Den this evening.

Missing out on a first-division place cost Millwall Teddy Sheringham, now with Nottingham Forest, but Rioch has reinvested part of the £2 million transfer fee on seven new players and, judging by the manner in which they recently beat Sunderland 4-1, it looks to have been money well spent.

Brighton, by contrast, have been been unable to buy after being forced to sell Mike Small, the architect of Millwall's play-off downfall, to West Ham United, and have also lost Garry Nelson and Steve Gatting, both now at Charlton Athletic.

With Don Mackay having been dismissed as the manager of Blackburn Rovers on Monday, speculation is rife that Kenny Dalglish, the man Rovers regard as the ideal replacement, will watch Blackburn at the Baseball Ground. Peter Shilton could return in goal for Derby County after recovery from a thigh strain.

Having spent most of the new season kicking his heels on the substitutes' bench, Bernie Slaven has finally convinced Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager, of his attacking capabilities, and will start in the Teesside team at struggling Oxford United.

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Black: will be an expensive substitute at best at Manchester City tonight

Barnett keeps Derbyshire in with a shout

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Essex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 212 runs behind Derbyshire

WHEN the season began, few gave Derbyshire a serious chance of winning the championship for only the second time. At noon yesterday, few gave them any chance at all of winning the game which may decide the title. Thanks in large part to their captain, Kim Barnett, the twin objectives remain within reach and all those of such little faith may yet be struck dumb.

This is second against third, the winners go top with only two games to play. Barnett, having won an important toss on a pitch sure to take increasing turn, watched in bewilderment from the non-striker's end as four wickets went down for 47 before Essex had bowled even an over of spin.

Barnett proceeded to bat for four-and-a-half hours for 99 and gave his side hope in a fixture which could relegate the losers to title also-rans. One more run would have completed Barnett's set of hundreds against the other 16 counties.

A total of 231 will prove insufficient if Gooch, Malik and company indulge themselves today, when batting conditions might be at their best. But it has given Derbyshire some chance against the best balanced team and best organised county in England.

Gooch elected to go in with only two front-line seam bowlers, a fair indication that the bare ends of this used pitch were not camouflage or subterfuge. He was backing his spin bowlers to win him the game and gave one of them a timely psychological boost. Peter Such, who has played the game for ten years with three different clubs, finally received a county cap at the age of 27.

The early clatter of wickets had little to do with the pitch. Bowler was run out in a yes-no-wait-sorry interlude with his captain and Azharuddin and O'Gorman were well caught, at point and mid-wicket, from shots against Gooch's gentle swing. Only Morris did not sacrifice himself, Foster dismissing him second ball with one of extra bounce which trapped his finger against the bat handle and looped to short leg.

Spin was introduced for the 28th over and Childs' first ball turned ominously. Soon, there were slow bowlers from both ends and, just before lunch, Goldsmith played awkwardly across the line and was leg before.

Apart from a half-chance to silly-point off Such, Barnett played the spinners with great composure, while Krikken, whose method is mobile, homespun but effective, frustrated them at the other end. Gooch had to recall Foster and his second ball removed Krikken leg before. Dominic Cork now proved he is not just a bowler and Gooch made seven bowling changes in the session before Barnett fell three balls before tea, caught off bat and pad at silly point.

It took Essex more than an hour to mop up the remaining three wickets, Malik's leg-spin accounting for the last two in three balls. Gooch and Stephenson survived survived 45 minutes batting.

SCOREBOARD

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Hussain b Childs	99
P D Bowler run out	1
J E Morris c Knight b Foster	*0*
M Azharuddin c Hussain b Gooch	13
T J G O'Gorman c Prichard b Gooch	7
S C Goldsmith lbw b Childs	18
†K M Krikken lbw b Foster	19
D G Cork c Knight b Foster	30
A E Warner c Prichard b Salim	25
R Sladdin not out	8
O H Mortensen c and b Salim	0
Extras (lb 6, nb 5)	*11*
Total (94.5 overs)	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-10, 3-39, 4-47, 5-94, 6-143, 7-179, 8-200, 9-231.

BOWLING: Foster 24-6-69-3; Pringle 14-2-44-0; Gooch 7-3-16-2; Childs 25-11-45-2; Such 18-3-30-0; Salim Malik 5.5-0-21-2.

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch not out	14
J P Stephenson not out	3
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (no wkt, 12 overs)	19

P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, N V Knight, D R Pringle, †M A Garnham, N A Foster, J H Childs and P M Such to bat.

Bonus points: Essex 4, Derbyshire 2.

Umpires: B Hassan and B Dudleston.

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Dalglish return on cards

By Ian Ross

KENNY Dalglish is expected to be formally offered the opportunity to return to football management later this afternoon, when the board of Blackburn Rovers convenes to discuss who it wishes to succeed Don Mackay, who was dismissed on Monday.

Jack Walker, the second division club's majority shareholder, has said he would like to see Dalglish approached about the vacancy while conceding that the final decision lies with Bill Fox, the Rovers chairman, and his fellow directors.

Dalglish resigned from his post as manager of Liverpool in late February, citing a desire to spend more time with his family as the main reason behind his decision to retire from professional football *after an involvement* which spanned more than 23 years.

Although Dalglish is abroad on holiday, he is aware of Blackburn's interest and it is believed that Fox has already entered into negotiations with Liverpool about the question of compensation.

When Dalglish severed his ties with Liverpool he entered into a verbal agreement which prevents him from joining another Football League club without the prior approval of his former employers.

Should Dalglish accept an invitation which now seems inevitable, Liverpool will demand a sum of £500,000, the figure which they paid Rangers in compensation to secure the services of Graeme Souness.

Mindful that Dalglish is a man who positively despises publicity, and who has always shrouded even the most mundane of manoeuvres with an impenetrable cloak of secrecy, Rovers were understandably reluctant to discuss their search for a new manager yesterday.

A club spokesman would neither confirm nor deny that an appointment was imminent, saying only that the matter was expected to come under discussion shortly.

If Dalglish does decide to end his six-month sabbatical by taking charge of a club which is languishing near to the foot of the second division table, he will become one of Britain's best-paid managers with an annual salary in excess of £200,000.

FA warns over deferment

By Peter Ball

*THE Football League's at*tempt to reach agreement with the breakaway first division *will begin at Lancaster Gate* today, with a warning from Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the Football Association that there is no time for protracted negotiations.

The FA is unhappy at suggestions that next Tuesday's Football League extraordinary general meeting might have to be adjourned to allow negotiations to continue. The League EGM was expected to vote on the League's contentious regulation 11, which is the main obstacle to the formation of the Premier League, and which also means that so far the League has not received the FA's official sanction this season.

The FA reluctantly agreed *in court last week not to take* any action over the League's illegal status pending next Tuesday's meeting. The suggestion that it could be delayed further is apparently unacceptable.

"That would leave us up the creek," Kelly said yesterday. "I can say quite categorically that the FA would not be happy about any further delay. If regulation 11 is not knocked out on Tuesday, then we will be back in court next week. The present situation cannot be allowed to continue."

Kelly will meet the Football League official receivers, Arthur Sandford and Ian Watt, along with other League officials and Rick Parry, the chairman of the first division clubs this morning in a bid to find agreement. Monday's *meeting of the second division* clubs at Leicester agreed to remove the League's regulation 11, which requires three years notice of resignation, but some firm pre-conditions.

Promotion and relegation, the size of the first division and financial arrangements all still to be negotiated. The likelihood of those far-reaching discussions being resolved by next Tuesday seems thin, however, but Kelly insisted that the principles could be established quite quickly.

The FA's position on the negotiations may also delay agreement, however. Although they are unlikely to be concerned over the merits of three up and three down against two up and down, the size of the premier league is a major consideration.

Durham open season with visit to Oxford

DURHAM will play their opening fixture as a first-class county next season on Tuesday, April 14, in a three-day game against Oxford University at The Parks. They follow with three home matches in different competitions, all of them expected to be staged at the Durham University ground (Richard Streeton writes).

First, Durham have their initial Sunday league match, against Lancashire on Easter Sunday, April 19, and after this they are hosts to Glamorgan in the Benson and Hedges Cup on April 21. Durham's first Britannic Assurance championship fixture is a four-day match against Leicestershire starting on April 25.

PRINCIPAL DATES: Cornhill Tests: June 4-8: first Test (Edgbaston); June 18-22: second Test (Lord's); July 2-7: third Test (Old Trafford); July 23-27: fourth Test (Headingley); August 6-10: fifth Test (the Oval). Texaco Trophy: May 20: Lord's; May 22: the Oval; August 20: Trent Bridge, *August 22: Lord's; August 24:* Old Trafford. BENSON AND HEDGES CUP GROUPS: A: Minor Counties, Sussex, Surrey, Leicestershire, Middlesex, Gloucestershire. B: Scotland, Northamptonshire, Essex, Hampshire, Lancashire. C: Nottinghamshire, Warwickshire, Kent, Somerset, Yorkshire. D: Combined Universities, Worcestershire, Derbyshire, Glamorgan, Durham.

Graf finds time for Connors

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, in New York

LIKE everyone else, Steffi Graf had to wait. She waited for four hours 40 minutes, to be precise, which for someone who likes to get her business over and done with as early and as quickly as possible, ought to have been purgatory.

In fact, just like everyone else, she did not mind at all. Jimmy Connors was at work and, though she offered to play on another court, Graf really wanted to watch the end of his match.

"I came to the stadium at midday, so it was a long day, but I did not want to leave the *Connors match. I was really* happy for him," Graf said.

When Connors, on his 39th birthday, had finally and inevitably beaten poor Aaron Krickstein in five sets to reach his 14th quarter-final at the *US Open, not even Graf could* fill the void, though she beat Judith Wiesner 7-5, 6-4. "My *return was totally off,"* she said.

Graf now faces Conchita Martinez in the quarter-final. The other quarter-finals in the women's singles are: Seles v Gigi Fernandez, Capriati v Sabatini and Navratilova v Sánchez Vicario.

Besides Connors, there are two Americans in the quarter-finals of the men's singles, Jim Courier and Pete Sampras, the reigning French and US Open champions.

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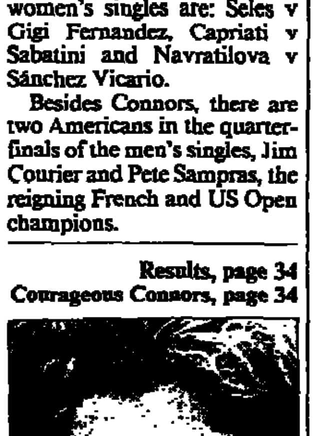

Seles: in quarter-final

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Choreographer seeks to revive a spirit

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

WHEN Alan Davies accepted the task of preparing Wales for rugby union's World Cup, he *accepted a framework which* permitted him no more than eight weeks in which to pack a lifetime of coaching. The first indication of his progress will come at Cardiff Arms Park this evening when Wales inaugurate new floodlighting with a game against France.

Will he be able to add his own illuminations to the bruised and battered spirit of Welsh rugby? Davies, Welsh-born but English-bred, starts with one big advantage — he can unite the country in a way a Welsh club coach cannot. He has found support from leading coaches and players' mentors precisely because of his English background, with Nottingham, with the Midlands and with England B — because he is not perceived as a threat.

"Rugby is a very parochial game," he said. "When I was England B coach [1986-9] Jack Rowell at Bath was happy to let me work with his players, but other coaches in the Midlands were very unhappy talking about their players." It was the perception of Davies as rival rather than reviver that was in the way.

"The idea of coaching the Welsh side for a specific period and purpose was attractive. The appeal of coaching, for me, is to work with the really good players and a lot of people don't understand what motivates me. It sounds a bit over the top but it's like a choreographer being asked to work with Nureyev — it's an art, a form of expression for me.

"I hadn't focussed on anything in England, except to concentrate on getting Nottingham through what might be a make-or-break season. The club has to find its own way of doing things in an era of paid officials. I have to persuade a footballing city to appreciate that they have a first division rugby club."

Davies admits it took a long time to recover from the disappointment of losing the England B job, in abrupt circumstances, though that experience may help him empathise with a squad of disappointed Welsh players. "I have told them I expect good things of them, that they are good players.

"It is important that the mood is one of constant encouragement. Some positive things have come out of the Australian experience, where Wales lost the summer international 63-6. The players have talked about using some of the Australian moves, and doing them as well as they were used against Wales. And psychologically things were so bad that only a positive attitude will do. There is the novelty factor, too, but my expectancies are high.

"Coaching is a shared responsibility, a matter of motivation, of getting people to be comfortable in each other's company, believing that what they are doing is right and is expanding them. Once you satisfy those needs you can build self-esteem and get players to realise their full potential.

"But it's not just to do with rugby. That's why it was so sad that Paul Thorburn found it necessary to retire from international rugby. It's all part of getting people to express themselves, and coaches who believe that it's only to do with rugby, have got it wrong. Each player must get as much out of this situation as his talent will allow.

"My goals are quite clear. We have certain objectives to achieve against France, which have more to do with performance than the result. Then we have to beat Western Samoa and Argentina in the World Cup, to ensure qualification for the quarter-finals. If on October 9 we have achieved that, we can think again about the pool match with Australia and beyond.

"If we were successful and if the players related well the temptation would exist to prolong the experience, I recognise that, but my intention is then to go back to Nottingham. I would like to coach international players and I have been encouraged to think there might be a place for me in England's set-up at some stage, but there is such a long way to go with Nottingham I can't see beyond that."

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Exiles suspend three players

LONDON Welsh have suspended two of their players and cancelled their rugby union fixtures at every level for two weeks in a disciplinary measure designed to emphasise to their players the serious attitude the club takes to discipline.

The two players suspended were sent off during a tournament at Newbury at the weekend. Emyr Blease has been suspended sine die by Brigadier Rolph James, the club chairman, and Mark Davies has been banned for the rest of the season.

The club won praise last season when Brigadier James, with the unanimous backing *of his committee, took similar* action — suspending players and cancelling one Saturday's fixtures after the Exiles had had three players sent off. On that occasion the leading player was from the first team, another from the second XV and the third was a colt.

This season the first team games away to Bedford on September 14 and at home to Penarth on September 21 have been called off.

Brigadier James said: "We very much regret the inconvenience caused to these clubs, but trust they will accept this action as necessary, as it is in the best long-term interests of both the club and the game.

"Let this be a lesson to all the players involved with London Welsh that the high standards set out by the club cannot be brought into disrepute."

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